



Contra Costa Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education (LPC)

Purpose: LPC Advocacy Committee Meeting
Location: CCCOE – John Muir Conference Room
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Facilitator: Cathy Roof
Timekeeper: Ruth Fernandez
Recorder: Mary Louise Vander Meulen



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AGENDA

Monday, June 20, 2016

TIME	AGENDA TOPIC	PURPOSE	DISCUSSION LEADER	DESIRED OUTCOME
2:00 - 2:05	Welcome/Introductions Minutes Review/Approval for 2.9.16 - Action Agenda Review/Approval for 6.20.16 - Action	C, A	Cathy	Approval of agenda & minutes
2:05 – 2:15 3 min. per speaker	<u>Public Comment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items on the agenda Items of interest to the public If you wish to speak on a matter on the agenda, please give your name and identify any group or organization you represent for the record prior to your presentation. If you wish to speak on a matter NOT on the agenda, please wait until the Chair calls for public comment on items of interest to the public. The Council shall only take action related to items listed on the current agenda.	I	Cathy	Information shared
2:15 – 3:00	<u>Group Debrief about 12th Annual Young Children’s Issues Forum:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slideshow from 2016 forum shared Summary of Evaluations Shared – Themes to be considered for next year Next year Forum Date: March 18, 2017 ~ SAVE THE DATE! 	I, D	All	Debrief about forum and brainstorm about next year’s theme. Slide show shared.
3:00 – 3:30	2016-2017 Governor’s Budget for Child Care and Early Learning – Overview Presentation Guest Presenter: Jessica Holmes - Finance Budget Analyst, Department of Finance	I, D, C	Ruth/Guest Presenter	Information Shared/Discussion
3:30 – 3:55	Discuss 2016 -2017 Advocacy Committee Goals New Committee Chair	I, D	All	Information Shared Group Discussion
3:55 -4:00	Adjournment - Action Next Meeting – Review Calendar for 2016-2017 and Agenda Items for Next Meeting	I, D, A	All	Information Shared Group Discussion

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Minutes of Advocacy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Las Trampas Room

Committee Members Present: Chair Cathy Roof, Kathy Lafferty, Crystal McClendon-Gourdine (late and left early), Silvana Mosca-Carreon, Eran Perera, Dan Safran

Committee Members Absent: Estela Alvarez, Doug Rowe, Aurora Ruth

Staff Present: Ruth Fernandez, Mary Louise Vander Meulen

Guests: Daryl Hanson, *Albany Unified School District*; Laura Rodriguez, *Tandem, Partners in Early Learning*

Welcome/Introductions:

- Chair Cathy Roof welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.
- Introductions completed.

Agenda Review/Approval:

- Eran Perera moved to approve the agenda for 2-9-2016. Dan Safran seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Lafferty, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Safran
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Alvarez, McClendon-Gourdine, Rowe, Ruth
 - ABSTAIN: None

Minutes Review/Approval:

- Dan Safran moved to approve the minutes of the 1-12-2016 meeting. Silvana Mosca-Carreon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Lafferty, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Safran
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Alvarez, McClendon-Gourdine, Rowe, Ruth
 - ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment:

- No public comment received on items on the agenda.
- Items of interest to the public:
 - Ruth Fernandez informed the committee she will be leaving early for a meeting at First 5 Contra Costa regarding the Infant/Toddler QRIS RFA.

Reports on Meetings Attended by Council Members

- SRR Initiative
 - Cathy Roof handed out a flier on the stance of The Bay Area Coalition for Equity in Early Care and Education (BACEECE). No new information to report on at this time.
- Sacramento Advocacy Day-Seize the Moment!
 - On February 3, 2016 Ruth Fernandez and Cathy Roof attended the Seize the Moment Advocacy Day in Sacramento.
 - Cathy Roof met with Thurmond's staff. Cathy Roof was able to set up appointments with Senator Hancock and Tony Thurmond's offices; and is awaiting confirmation with Senator Steve Glazer's office.
 - Cathy Roof had prepared folders with information from our local LPC such as the: Needs Assessment, LPC plan, the 2016 Forum and other general LPC information.

Minutes taken by: Mary Louise Vander Meulen

Minutes Approved on: Draft

12th Annual Young Children's Issues Forum:

- Review Draft Program
 - Ruth Fernandez handed out an updated proposed agenda to give everyone a frame of reference for the event. Ruth noted that Supervisor Candace Andersen is planning to attend the Forum.
- Confirmed Guest Speaker
 - Ruth Fernandez has been in contact with Emlyn Struthers and Sarah Jackson from Congressman Mark DeSaulnier's office; she is awaiting confirmation.
 - Senator Steve Glazer has confirmed for the day.
 - Senator Loni Hancock and Senator Lois Wolk are not able to attend.
 - There is a possibility Assembly Member Catherine Baker may be able to attend after her earlier commitment that morning. Ruth is waiting to talk to her staff again to see if they can tweak the schedules.
 - Assembly Member Susan Bonilla will be attending according to her office staff Jamario Jackson.
 - Elizabeth Rodriguez-Langley is in communication with Ruth regarding Assembly Member Jim Frazier. His attendance is pending at this time. His office is supplying resources for our bags and will be delivering the items later this week.
 - Ruth Fernandez is working on Assembly Member Tony Thurmond with his staff. She would like to see him attend this year.
 - Discussion regarding questions for the legislator panel was held with the focus on access and high quality. Ruth will send out questions to the committee and to Ted Lempert after she has written them.
 - Kathy Lafferty would like to know if and what the ratio may be of staff and children for a TK program. She would also like to let the legislators be aware that taking the CSPP contracts away would shut down the centers. Third, is there an intention to have a wrap-around to cover full day?
 - Crystal McClendon-Gourdine would like to see social services available for the children and their families.
- Teacher Panel
 - Confirmation for the teacher panel so far: Benu Chhabra (FCC), John Moon (TK teacher) and Stacie Roundtree (FCC)
 - Waiting to hear if Eileen Ayala (private center) will be able to attend.
 - Suggestion made to ask someone from a CSPP site, possibly someone from CSB.
 - Ruth Fernandez would like to meet with Crystal McClendon-Gourdine and Julie Nicholson, possibly a phone conference to discuss Julie's key points of her presentation to help frame the questions for the teacher panel.
 - A request was made of the committee members to plan on helping that afternoon as a facilitator during the group reflection.
- Fundraising Updates
 - Funds raised so far are in the amount \$3,000 with a few verbal commitments outstanding.
- Marketing/Outreach
 - Registration is low as of today. Ruth Fernandez and Mary Louise Vander Meulen will be sending our multiple emails to different list serves and groups.
 - Ruth encouraged everyone to please distribute the flier and spread the word regarding the event and for everyone to register now.

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- All LPC members were encouraged to register for the event now. Everyone needs to register this year.
- Resource Fair
 - There will be a Resource Fair just as there was last year. Hoping to have the same number of agencies participating and a few vendors.
- Child Care Services
 - No one has registered that needs child care at this point.
 - Discussion held regarding the possibility of using the other half of the Soroptimist Room for child care if Silvana has a large group of children participating in the Children's March. Silvana will stay in contact with Mary Louise Vander Meulen regarding the number of children that may be participating and needing child care.
- Define Date for Volunteer Meeting
 - A volunteer meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 after a brief Advocacy Committee meeting. Following the Volunteer Meeting is a potluck. Mary Louise Vander Meulen will develop a flier and send to Cathy Roof to distribute.
- Other
 - CCTV will be airing 2015 Annual Forum on February 16, 23 and March 4 and 8, 2016. Fliers with the dates, times and channels were handed out to the committee members for airing of 2015 and 2016 Forum.
 - Crystal McClendon-Gourdine would like to see more technical and electronic devices used in passing on the information regarding the Forum such as Twitter and Facebook.

Other Updates/Upcoming Events/Next Meeting Agenda/Topics

- Next Meeting:
 - Next Advocacy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2016 followed by a Forum Volunteer Meeting and potluck
- Updates and Upcoming Events:
 - No reports
- Agenda Items:
 - Forum updates

Adjournment:

- Dan Safran moved to adjourn the meeting. Eran Perera seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.
 - AYE: Lafferty, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Safran
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Alvarez, McClendon-Gourdine, Rowe, Ruth
 - ABSTAIN: None

12th Annual Young Children's Issues Forum 2016
March 12, 2016
153 Evaluations

The most valuable part of the Forum was:

- When the 2 legislators talk about how they are going to help with the budgets
- Learning more information ✓
- To see everybody and talking to each other and that we need to support children and teachers ✓✓
- The grassroots information from the teacher's panel. Loved the children marching in costumes and flags
- The info shared in keynote was so useful. Teachers working with me will be pleased when I bring it back.
- The informational panel speaker
- Quality early care and education why are pay is so low?
- When listening to 3 speakers
- California's investments in quality early care and education. It's really useful to know about lots of information from various legislative panel
- How to teach young kids and same the salary issue of early education teacher.
- Legislative panel by Assembly Member Susan Bonilla and Tony Thurmond.
- Hearing that we are all working towards the same goals to provide high quality care in the ECE field.
- Our questions being answered.
- Knowing that someone is concerned about infant/toddler care and development and how they learn.
- I find each part valuable – each speaker gave us reassuringly great news and encouraging words.
- I see that some of our elected officials have some understanding about what we as early childhood educators actually do and advocate for.
- I won't add a thing, the future education very important for everyone.
- Recognition and value of teachers work
- Get to ask questions
- Great speakers
- The ability to engage with congress and have our statement, concern and questions addressed.
- Everything! This is the first year I attend the Forum and I feel that I got a lot of information that I can bring back to co-workers and people.
- Very insightful, gives us a broad idea as to where education is heading and what measures are taken to forge ahead.
- This was the first forum I have attended and I enjoyed every part, it was very informative.
- It was interesting day with good speakers. ✓
- All but I am most concerned about the funding for our child are and the funding

- To hear Assembly members do their part to make the budget work for early childhood education and to advocate for teachers higher compensation.
- The legislators ✓✓✓✓✓
- Stories of quality
- Opening parade – legislative panel with Q& A – teacher panel
- I liked all of the presenters and the information they shared with us.
- The opening with the children and presentation of Ms. Bonilla
- Learning about the legislators work in improving ECHD-families and teachers
- The speakers specially Susan Bonilla and Tony Thurmond. They mentioned the most important points of the conference.
- All of the symposium members were really good.
- The speakers – they were really good. ✓✓
- Information regarding progression in the ECE field and how government plays a part and assists in advocating for ECE programs and teachers.
- Listening to Cathy Roof and all legislators about issues and advocacy for young children development.
- Learning from legislators-state-real teachers from classrooms is so great. I wish we could send them ALL to Sacramento!
- All the speakers (Julie Nicholson) legislative panel, teacher panel. Great Job!
- The legislative panel and the questions asked, helps you realize that you as a teacher are not alone. Our concerns, struggles and pride are all common.
- The teacher panel. It was very informative to hear from them, their experiences and concerns.
- Julie Nicholson and her inspirational talk. I think you can see the passion in her words and how involved and the fact that she loves what she does.
- The speakers. I enjoyed the Mills speaker. I liked that she was different from previous years.
- Keynote speaker! Amazing! And legislative panel. Loved the specific ways to get involved.
- Julie Nicholson. Keeping teachers and equity at the center of early childhood. System reform.
- The camaraderie is fantastic to see everyone really around what we need to do and what needs to be done.
- The answers of Tony Thurmond, and all forum is very informative. ✓
- I learn so much from Tony Thurmond answers, he was one of the Assembly Member with a lot of knowledge.
- Everything and everyone was very informative.
- I enjoyed all the speakers on the panels. Also comments of people who were in audience.
- I enjoyed the training professional development of child.
- The speech by the keynote speaker, Julie Nicholson. ✓✓✓✓
- Receiving info about ECE background

- Legislative panel and Julie Nicholson.
- Absolutely the networking! It is such a gift to speak to my colleagues in a 'non-rushed' manner, to exchange ideas, etc.
- Keynote was fabulous! The panel was very great but it is sad that all our legislators, as well as First 5 ED left before they were able to share. The workforce knows what was said...The audience needs to be our lawmakers!
- I enjoyed the legislative panel but really appreciated the stories from the teacher panel. I'd like to see more of this and parent as well.
- The guest speaker, Julie Nicholson, and the questions with our legislators.
- The teacher panel – fabulous! ✓
- Dr. Julie Nicholson's speech and all the information she gave us and the children's parade.
- Have a representative advocating for early childhood quality programs.
- Legislator's presentations, teacher panel and children's opening march.
- Assembly Members Bonilla and Thurmond knowing that they are advocating for the children and educators.
- What is quality and how to achieve that.
- Providing information regarding ECE and the state
- The concerns and care of children issues.
- All of it.
- All the members of the symposium are fine.
- That with all information that the Forum gave us I personally learned a lot. Thank you all of you for all your efforts.
- Legislative panel, where they stand on education. Also interesting was teachers panel – their experience in education and question and answer period for both
- Dedicated teachers with college education and certificates in child development deserve equitable pay.
- Quality child care need and trust.
- When the legislative panel informed us how they advocate and question and answer. Also the speakers I get more motivated.
- Everything said by the speakers, very inspiring.
- Having the support of our speakers, the attendance of the forum, the right to be heard and we ask questions; seeing the diversity of children as by parade to the sound of it's "A Small World".
- All of the work
- The assembly member says, if they come to our work place and put on our shoes, they will know how we feel.
- All of it, I appreciate that you put a lot of time and effort and that you get politicians to come and hear our voices.
- Was about how children are the future so is our obligation to provide good child care and education.
- Keynote-Julie Nicholson The legislators – Susan Bonilla and Tony Thurmond

- Hearing the legislative panel expressing the concerns for early Child development and education system. ✓
- The need for equity in ECE and across K-12 education. Also, a larger conversation about quality must take place that includes transparency, honesty and reflects the reality of people's experiences who are actually providing direct services (e.g. child care providers, teachers)
- Julie Nicholson's speech and the Q& A with assembly members
- Listening that our assembly members, congressman are doing their best to get funds to support our children education (ECE).
- Know actual statistics numbers of kindergarten situation.
- Quality child care and trust and need the children deserve it!
- Legislative panel, networking
- Enjoyed all especially legislative and teacher panels
- Hearing from the legislatures about what's being done and what we can do to help
- California's investment in quality Early Care and Education
- The most valuable was about low salaries for teachers
- The most valuable part was talk about the education about teachers
- Keeping teacher and equity at the center of the Early Childhood system reform; promises, perils, and collective responsibilities in striving to improve quality. Presenter: Julie Nicholson.
- The quality of the speakers and the organization of the Forum.
- The assembly persons from District 14 & 15 both have great understanding about the need
- The speakers sharing personal stories. The children's multicultural parade. The multicultural food was very good! Teacher panel good!
- Learning more about children and the issues that we can improve to help them as well the presenters
- Teacher panel, Julie Nicholson presentation, networking, the children beginning the event.
- Work with children and get more information and I like the performance of the children
- It was wonderful. I got more information about the children and it will be useful for our kids in the classroom.
- Keynote speaker was dynamic and engaging. Love the teacher panel.
- Hearing Legislators talk about what they are doing to help ECE concerns and what we can do.
- Hearing ideas for revenue and funding for ECE programs from legislators
- I like everything because I got very wide information exhibitors.
- Salary for the teachers
- When listening to the 3 speakers
- Julie Nicholson's powerful story about the teacher.
- Connecting with policy makers-the speakers were excellent and it felt like dialogue. Great Keynote!

- The responses from the panel of legislators to our issues of pay compensation and the allocation of money from the state.
- How we can work in a team as parents and teachers together to improve the quality and education.
- Quality early learning, quality child care matter
- Everything is valuable for me but every year is the same, speakers just talk but I don't see any change, especially on teacher's salary
- Concern about teacher's needs and quality in effectiveness and trust. Because teachers are the foundation of our future. If we are not sincere and trusted we cannot make a difference in the children's life.
- Keynote address, ability to network, hearing from local legislation and teachers/care providers
- How we learned that childcare has to be quality, caring and professional.
- Advocacy opportunities, hearing from teacher panel
- Listening to the various speakers
- Teacher Panel: 'Stories of Quality' they shared their experience about that as a teacher we have to be aware about good teaching and keeping up to date.
- Moving towards sustainable early care and education systems
- To hear the speaker's intervention talk about the teacher's wage and how to increase the minimum salary
- Getting the information on how things have changed in kindergarten (a lot of children are not developmentally ready for these changes)
- During question and answer period because we could express our voices and we get some answers and hopes.
- Coming and working for early education for children and bringing importance of early educators working for them.
- The opportunity to listen to the Assembly Members
- Every part is valuable
- Wonderful and I can learn new thing and get new information to help me as well as in my classroom.
- Why teacher paid low? Teachers need money to pay for education to educate children.
- Talk about the budget and teachers who work full day and not getting enough money. Teachers get more.
- Julie's talk and importance of play and of keeping uniqueness of early childhood with efforts to change the system and integrate it with K-12.
- Both legislators were heartfelt and plugged into the issues. Focus on action and advocacy. Mills presenter was fabulous.
- 1) First speaker Julie, stating that public school administrators do not know and value ECE-explain my frustration in attempting to get them to understand ECE achievement/academics. 2) The two legislators and how they 'get' the ECE value and work towards supporting ECE by the state

One thing I would add to a future Forum:

- To continue celebrating our advocacy.
- Have more workshops like this ✓
- To support teacher's life ✓
- Perhaps a panel of parents for next year ✓✓✓
- Thank you for the children parade. Thank you for every detail.
- Less paperwork
- More discussions about curriculum planning for ECE
- I would like to keep it the way it is. This is very informative.
- I would like to keep most part the way it is. It was very informative. But if I must add something for future it would be for someone from the special ed department to be a part of this Forum to answer questions.
- Ways we can come together to support the ECE field on the future through funding and support systems for teachers and their families.
- More interactive participation maybe less sitting
- Perhaps inviting as Assembly person or congressman who had voted against ECE fundings to see the other side of the issues we have in profession.
- None ✓✓
- We need more business and local people here to hear what we are saying.
- Have more tables for attendees.
- Thank you ✓
- To support teacher's life help us a lot.
- Vote of registration
- Have more training
- More presentations of this kind (legislators)
- I would like if you add 'bilingual teachers' what happen with them.
- I liked-loved the way it was presented and the procedure of it.
- Keep having this kind of forums
- Good benefits
- Very well explained.
- Let's make more awareness and how to bring up policy to solve this issues.
- Need Congressional reps here and speaking on how they support families and young children. What happened to the businesses?
- More networking with other programs and more understanding on LPC to take to all teachers.
- Maybe a parent section/panel would be a great idea to add to this forum to learn about their experiences and concerns.
- Adding more agencies to the resource fair. This is a great opportunity to connect and most of us could benefit form more community agencies/resources.
- Less 'electeds' while I think they bring valuable insight. I think that more from the field would be beneficial.
- Don't stop please continuing to do this kind of meeting.

- Hard to find something else, you are great.
- As a teacher working 40 hours a week we know are goals but for the future ones have something with more fun or more educate for us to learn something new for our knowledge.
- Some current/new child development research.
- Everything was great!
- Nothing it was a great forum.
- More time to just eat lunch and network.
- 1) Great if legislators could hear Julie-but know from organizing events that is a cat heard (done at end! It would have been great after keynote – so provocative!)-a follow up message. 2) Something in .5 hrs that brings and voice in: live Q&A after keynote, tabletop conversations at lunch?
- Activity at beginning in which the attendees stand or in some way self-identify the group they are from –to get a sense of who composes the whole.
- Greater recognition for the workforce
- To have teachers also as speakers
- Possibly a panel group discussion like a back and forth with policy makers, teachers, and parents.
- Hearing from our governor ✓✓
- I hope every year you choose different teachers to tell their stories as well!
- More time to discuss and hear about personal success from the teachers.
- Have word of this kind of presentation.
- Parents testimonials of challenges and success. ✓
- Workshops for teachers to give them learning and exchange forum.
- Provide online handouts and have more vendors
- Teachers Voices.
- We need to have the outline of the keynote address so we can follow with speaker to understand all of the information. I would like to have a copy of the keynote address.
- More participation of Latino speaking representative.
- Support teacher's life
- To let people ask several questions
- Continue to do outreach to our politicians.
- More information about preschool and better school with high standards.
- More time for networking
- Get the governor here! Or the president!
- Attend more of these events; they are informative, educative and keeps us up to date.
- Offer panel presenters talk in their own/first/native language, but having a translator. They show up their selves, more when talk in their language.
- I am really happy to know that for parent there is some English as a second language classes starting.
- Speaker from Childhood Center for Creativity from Bay Area Discovery Museum
- Stories of Quality

- Talk about children with special needs
- Have teacher panel first so Assembly Members can hear their voices. A PowerPoint handout sent via email (to minimize paper waste). Also, more diverse goodies – the coloring pamphlets handed out did not seem diverse. Lastly, a presentation on inclusion in ECE.
- To discuss teachers and some of the classroom issues
- Someone that can help with salary increase, worthy wages.
- I would add the governor to forum so he can hear our issues.
- Government come next time
- More time to discuss ideas with other teachers/educators at tables or in small break-out groups
- More concrete ways to advocate for change other than just letters
- I would like to broader issues of innovations.
- More listener input
- Jobs board
- More information to have access to free childcare or preschools
- Cultural inclusion, and bilingual children, family engagement
- I would like to see if the speakers really work on what preschool teacher are asking to work on it (salary)
- Give a hard copy of the outline of the keynote speaker-some of us are students and teachers at the same time and it is a lot of information to process-it will be nice to go back and read it and share it.
- None, it is already improving each year in quality and organizing the program.
- Ways to engage parents in education and supporting their own children. We need to promote the idea of play and hands on learning.
- Extra information to get a better quality daycare and preschool
- More resource tables
- Longer question and answer period
- I would like that add workshop and more days.
- Creating new techniques and activities for ECE
- A report of the prior year promises and questions of if there was improvements in the issues we were exposed.
- How we are improving our teachers financially and other needs of teachers too.
- The family's role in our success as educators.
- Teachers should be working whole day not by ratio.
- No workshops on Saturday or Fridays
- List of legislators, role of business, how to educate parents to place less emphasis on academics.
- More, more politically, legislators –not just preaching to the choir.
- A quality speaker with an offering of some amusement, funny or poignant stories, and a few laughs, laughter often makes connecting and sparks memory-to assist in forwarding/remembering the presentations.

- Well organized. Thank you! ✓
- Thank you ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Loved it! Great food! Really enjoyed the teacher panel.
- Good organized, nice to hear about work done by teachers. Thank you!
- I would prefer if the program was to be shorter
- Please keep your word about better pay
- Learning great information about children's needs
- Really interesting and useful information about childhood education. Looking forward for the next Forum. ✓
- I really like the way getting all information through this kind of wonderful program.
- This Forum made my day and I are glad that I could make it.
- Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we reach towards the same goals.
- Thank you for letting us help the future of our children.
- Well done forum! Keep it up!
- Thank you for everything today and also your talking about education. All children needs education important for every children everyone. I learned a lot today.
- Please add more choice for the breakfast such as bagel or yogurt even.
- Great job!
- I appreciate all the valuable information about education, TK, K elementary, etc. that was provided at the forum.
- This was my first time attending a forum like this. This has given me broad perspective about education in general, educator's role and legislation pertaining to it.
- I want to thank you for having this gathering every year.
- Informational forum
- Great lunch
- I like this workshop very much ✓✓
- Hopefully we can get together again next year. Congrats. Very informative forum.
- Attending the forum was invaluable, we learn so much. Thank you!
- I like everything, because is very important participate in the conference because we are very important part of the children life.
- I really liked it the way everything when on. Please put inside the bags information about the teachers/directors forum from the end of the forum.
- Thanks for putting YCIF together! Let's keep going.
- Yalla is not for everyone.
- Open question and answer time is a very good opportunity to say our inequities. Please we need better salary! (A housekeeper makes more money than us? Why? We same studies, hardworking day.)
- I really enjoy attending this forum every year.
- I really enjoy coming to these conferences because I learn so much about all the good and bad news about the quality of child care.
- Maybe change the lunch menu to something simple.

- Consider food choice for the next Forum.
- I watch the good work Ruth Fernandez does.
- Thank you so much for including me as a presenter of this wonderful event. You GUYS did a great job!
- Great!
- I like this children's issues forum. Thank you for all your good jobs!
- Thank you for this kind of event. They are beneficial.
- You guys know how to treat educators. Thank you.
- Thank you all for the effort you all doing to make California's education to be the lead of U.S.A. for education.
- The room was cold, turn off the AC
- It was great to hear directly from the legislative panel about the revenue needed to achieve different goals.
- Sorry but the last panel I don't like. I think every teacher we hire has goals and experiences I hope next time do the end more involved and fun.
- Continue having this Young Children's Issues Forum to help us update our knowledge about the issues going on in our community and nationwide. Thank you for the organization.
- Thank you to all who made the Forum a success. Very organized.
- Thank you for your time and everything you do.
- Thank you for having these 12th Annual Young Children's Issues Forum.
- I really enjoyed the keynote speaker Julie Nicholson (my professor at Mills College). She has so much knowledge to share with others and deserves more places to share her work.
- Thank you! The assembly members should have stayed for the teacher panel. Why did they leave early??? They needed to hear them speak!!!!
- This Forum was very informative and interesting I enjoyed it and would love to attend in the future.
- For the following years please think about of ECE students and promote at colleges and universities.
- Venue was very nice – convenient location-agenda flowed nicely
- The library would love to be a resource with a table at future events
- I liked the professional presentation
- Appreciate teacher work. Thank you for come and talk about all the information that you gave us.
- I learned gems of knowledge about the young children about 'Speak Out for Children: Educate and Advocate.'
- I like this council; it is very knowledgeable and very useful.
- I am interested in not only compensation, but also the requirements to be a teacher. They go hand in hand. But do you feel that higher teacher requirements (that would need to be met with higher compensation) would lead to higher quality center?
- This forum was so wonderful great information and networking was the best.
- Good food.

- Great job LPC team!!
- Seeing so many child educators in one room and working for the same cause.
- Room was too cold. Only complaint. Good lunch-unusual-actually tasted good. Thrilled that family child care is represented.
- Next time keep the hall at warmer temperature. Also the food (wraps) had too much spices.
- The speakers must work on teachers' salaries because with our salary that we have now is hard to support our families.
- I enjoyed the program. I am glad to see some of the legislator sharing their thoughts-this is my first experience participating thank you for having me-food is delicious, good choice!
- Keep it up your good work. A lot of opportunity to learn about what's going on in ECE field I always boost my knowledge by attending the forum, workshops and classes.
- Thank you for an informative and engaging day. The facility is lovely and the food was yummy.
- Very thank you to have the opportunity to attend to the 12th Annual Young Children's Forum and learn a lot.
- Thank you for providing a nice blend of speakers. Thanks also for providing food. Child care, and networking opportunities.
- Very informative
- Thank you for having these forums. Please do not filter our questions from the floor. Stop calling early education 'child care' it makes people think of babysitting, not education!
- On how important it is for the teachers to get the support needed and compensation they deserve.
- Please don't bring again these Mediterranean foods, the years before food was very great, healthy and tasty. The food this time is very condimented. And please check the heater, today we were freezing.
- We have still more to do on this field and bringing communities together and making this field our priority.
- I want to stress about the importance of families to improve the level of education in order to support their children's development.
- The speakers talk about all what are important.
- If government continues to be under paid, the burn out rate will go up, then there is not going to be any good qualified teachers staying in the field. Therefore proper pay is the key to keep good teachers in the field.
- Every one of the speakers was awesome.
- Great job this year! Very well organized and facilitated. Great work Ruth and LPC!!
- Much appreciate the efforts and work that went into this day. Appreciate being allowed to attend even though I do not live/work in this county anymore. Appreciate the information-has stimulated my thoughts to pass information to others in my community in hopes of educating the public school administrators on the great value of ECE.

Advocacy Committee Meeting Calendar 2016-2017

2nd Tuesday of the month

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
LPC Advocacy Committee	July 12, 2016	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	August 9, 2016	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	September 13, 2016	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	October 11, 2016	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	November 8, 2016	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	December 13, 2016	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	January 10, 2017	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	February 14, 2017	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	March 14, 2017	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	April 11, 2017	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	May 9, 2017	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	June 13, 2017	9:00-11:00 AM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room

Contra Costa Local Planning and Advisory Council For Early Care and Education (LPC)

LPC Advocacy Committee 2015 - 2016 Goals

Goal 1:

Host Annual Young Children's Issues Forum (YCIF) – March 2016

Outcomes:

- ❖ Increased community awareness of children's issues
- ❖ Increased attendee knowledge of resources and tools available for advocacy (*participant packets, resource fair, other handouts, and table discussions*)
- ❖ Affirm shared understanding of the importance of Early Childhood Education for children's success in school and life in general-*Common Agenda*
- ❖ Acknowledge shared responsibility for children's education by business leaders, elected officials, community leaders, families, and educators
**Evaluation form will be expanded to include additional data facts and questions that document the benefit of participation and knowledge gained through participation in the forum.*
- ❖ Engage elected officials, business leaders, and community leaders in supporting families and educators in finding solutions for: accessible child care facilities, increasing State Reimbursement Rates (SRR) for Title V centers, **and increase compensation and retention of a qualified workforce.**

Goal 2:

Develop compelling messages **in collaboration with** civic and business leaders in support of early childhood education **including improved compensation and professional development.**

Outcomes:

- ❖ Shared and common vocabulary of key terms, such as quality and State Reimbursement Rate (SRR).
- ❖ Active social media campaign/training to help Child Development Centers present themselves (website, blog, stickers, banner, texting campaign, etc)
- ❖ New relationships and connections with business leaders in our region.

Goal 3:

To develop and maintain a strategic data plan to track short-term and long-term impact of child care issues, including facilities, **compensation** and reimbursement rates in Contra Costa County.

Outcomes:

- ❖ Local template for data collection
- ❖ Increased awareness of impact of budget cuts at County level
- ❖ Key message consistently delivered by all members of the community (parents, educators, administrators, policy makers, etc)
- ❖ Compensation survey in collaboration with Bay Area Local Planning Councils