



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 8, 2015

TO: Supervisor Federal D. Glover, District V, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II, Vice Chair

FROM: Ruth Fernández, LPC Coordinator/Manager, Educational Services

SUBJECT: Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education
Council Activities-Referral #81

CC: Contra Costa County Office of Education
Karen Sakata, Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Pamela Comfort, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
LPC Officers

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1) **ACCEPT** the local funding priorities for Contra Costa County reviewed and approved by Local Planning Council members at the LPC board meeting held on May 18, 2015. The recommended priorities were reviewed and discussed at a public hearing held on May 18, 2015 at the Contra Costa County Office of Education Building in Pleasant Hill, CA.

California General Child Care Center Priorities (Contract type: CCTR) - Children ages 0-2

Priority 1: Option 1

94509, 94519, 94520, 94521, 94523, 94530, 94531, 94553, 94565, 94801, 94804, 94805, 94806

Priority 2: Option 1

94547, 94564, 94572

Priority 3: Option 1

94505, 94506, 94507, 94511, 94513, 94514, 94516, 94517, 94518, 94525, 94526, 94528, 94548, 94549, 94556, 94561, 94563, 94569, 94575, 94582, 94583, 94595, 94596, 94597, 94598, 94803

California General Child Care Center Priorities (Contract type: CCTR) - Children ages 6-12 years

Priority 1: Option 1

94505, 94509, 94513, 94519, 94520, 94521, 94523, 94526, 94531, 94547, 94553, 94561, 94565, 94582, 94583, 94801, 94804, 94805, 94806

Priority 2: Option 1

94506, 94507, 94517, 94518, 94530, 94549, 94556, 94563, 94564, 94572, 94595, 94596, 94597, 94598, 94803

Priority 3: Option 1

94511, 94514, 94516, 94525, 94528, 94548, 94569, 94575

California State Preschool Priorities (Contract type: CSPP) - Children ages 3-5

Priority 1: Option 1

94523, 94531, 94553, 94520

Priority 2: Option 1

94513, 94519, 94521, 94530, 94565, 94582

Priority 3: Option 1

94505, 94506, 94507, 94509, 94511, 94514, 94516, 94517, 94518, 94525, 94526, 94528, 94547, 94548, 94549, 94556, 94561, 94563, 94564, 94569, 94572, 94575, 94583, 94595, 94596, 94597, 94598, 94801, 94803, 94804, 94805, 94806

See California Department of Education (CDE) approved Priority Setting Process for Local Planning Councils attached.

2) **ACCEPT** the activities report, key accomplishments and challenges during fiscal year 2014-2015 for the LPC as they relate to Education Code - *Section 8499.3 – 8499.7* and the implementation of the multi-year Comprehensive Countywide Plan for Early Care and Education 2014 through 2017.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Hosted the 2015 11th Annual Young Children's Issues Forum—"Speak Out For Children: Educate and Advocate" held at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, in Pleasant Hill, CA. Over 260 teachers, preschool administrators, college faculty, community advocates, parents, business leaders, and school district administrators attended the event. Video recording of the forum is available on-line at: <http://www.plan4kids.org/events.html>
- Over 75 early childhood educators working at state-funded programs in Contra Costa County received multiple stipends and recognition incentives for their commitment to continuous quality improvement and educational advancement through participation in the AB212 Professional Development Program. The LPC approved stipends for eligible staff members working at state-funded programs for a total amount of \$80,000 during fiscal year 2014-2015.
- Organized and hosted a public seminar on Child Care Playground Safety Regulations in January 2015.
- Planned and coordinated a Child Care Facilities Development Seminar open to the public and to be presented during the fall of 2015.
- Recruited three new LPC members - thus, reducing LPC member vacancies to three. Three vacancies remain:
East County: 1 Consumer Seat and 1 Public Agency Seat AND
Central/South County: 1 Consumer Seat

CHALLENGES:

During fiscal year 2014-2015, Contra Costa County has received new federal and state funding for restoration and expansion of subsidized child care services to low-income families with children ages 0-5 years. Although this is great news for the neediest families in our county, programs that currently hold subsidized child care contracts from the California Department of Education (CDE) struggle to continue to maintain the high quality programs for which they are known. The difficulties faced by subsidized child care programs in our county are created in great part by systemic issues related to inadequate state reimbursement rates which result in low compensation and lack of health benefits for workers and a lack of facilities in areas of highest need. The most recent Needs Assessment of Child Care (2012) that we (LPC) conducted revealed that 42% of children who qualify for subsidized care are unable to receive it because there are not enough spaces to meet all of the need. It is thus crucial to ensure existing child care programs are preserved and sustained.

The issue of lack of child care facilities has come to the forefront recently in our county. With new state and federal funds coming into our county for subsidized child care, we must take a proactive approach to plan and prepare for successful implementation of early care and education services. Currently, our county is unprepared to absorb a potentially robust influx of state preschool slots due, in great part, to the absence of adequate facilities.

In our capacity of advisory body and in response to ongoing concerns related to facilities availability and development, the LPC's Executive Committee decided to adopt the following steps. The LPC will:

- Plan and coordinate a community panel of presentations to provide an overview of the key elements and factors relevant to facility renovation and development for child care programs. The LPC will work with the Low-Income Investment Fund (LIIF) to secure an overview presentation by a LIIF representative. The panel would also invite representatives from Bay Area counties that have undertaken collective facility development projects to share lessons learned and successful planning and development strategies.
- The LPC also plans to convene an "Adhoc Facilities Planning and Development Committee" to initiate the discussion of the current landscape in Contra Costa County. Our intended outcomes for this adhoc committee are to:
 - a) develop projections of the potential "need" for child care facilities within the next five-seven years,
 - b) identify key stakeholders to be involved in this effort, and
 - c) assess potential facility renovation/conversions and opportunities for development of new facilities.The LPC will convene stakeholders to begin addressing this systemic issue and eventually to assist with defining a sustainable mechanism to carry on facility planning and renovation projects for child care programs.

The LPC looks forward to continued collaboration and partnership with the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools as we embark in collective discussion about this issue.

BACKGROUND/REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

California *Education Code (EC)* Section 8499.5 (a) through (d) requires the LPCs to review local, State and Federal data and provide the CDE with an updated listing of their local child care and development funding priorities by May 30 every year. In 1998, Assembly Bill 1857 amended *EC* Section 8279.3 to include specific expanded mandates for LPCs to identify local funding priorities for the distribution of new state general child care and development and preschool funding to promote equal access to child development services across the state, based on direct impact indicators of need.

The *EC* language specifies how LPCs are to conduct their yearly review of child development services in order to identify gaps in services and funding priorities which will ensure that all the child care and preschool services of the county are met to the greatest extent possible given limited resources. The LPC priorities will be used by the CDE to determine future child care and development funding decisions for State subsidized services.

Process for Establishing LPC Priorities: All Local Planning Councils must use the methodology for establishing LPC priorities based on the population of the county. *See attached Management Bulletin from the California Department of Education.

Additionally, California Education Code (EC) Section 8231 requires that Local Planning Councils prepare a comprehensive countywide child care plan designed to mobilize public and private resources to address identified needs.

Projects and activities of the Contra Costa LPC align with legislative intent for Local Planning Councils to *serve as a forum to address the child care needs of all families and all child care programs, both subsidized and non-subsidized in Contra Costa County* (Ed code Sections 8499.3 and 8499.5).

County Code	Zip Code	City	CSPP	Infant-Toddler CCTR	School Age CCTR
07	94505	Byron/Discovery Bay	3	3	1
07	94506	Blackhawk/Danville	3	3	2
07	94507	Alamo	3	3	2
07	94509	Antioch	3	1	1
07	94511	Bethel Island	3	3	3
07	94513	Brentwood	2	3	1
07	94514	Byron/Discovery Bay	3	3	3
07	94516	Canyon	3	3	3
07	94517	Clayton	3	3	2
07	94518	Concord	3	3	2
07	94519	Concord	2	1	1
07	94520	Clyde/Concord	1	1	1
07	94521	Concord	2	1	1
07	94523	Concord/Pleasant Hill	1	1	1
07	94525	Crockett	3	3	3
07	94526	Danville	3	3	1
07	94528	Diablo	3	3	3
07	94530	El Cerrito	2	1	2
07	94531	Antioch	1	1	1
07	94547	Hercules/Rodeo	3	2	1
07	94548	Knightesen	3	3	3
07	94549	Lafayette	3	3	2
07	94553	Briones/Martinez/Pacheco	1	1	1
07	94556	Moraga	3	3	2
07	94561	Oakley	3	3	1
07	94563	Orinda	3	3	2
07	94564	Pinole	3	2	2
07	94565	Bay Point/Pittsburg/Port Chicago/West Pittsburg	2	1	1
07	94569	Port Costa	3	3	3
07	94572	Rodeo	3	2	2
07	94575	Moraga	3	3	3
07	94582	San Ramon	2	3	1
07	94583	San Ramon	3	3	1
07	94595	Walnut Creek	3	3	2
07	94596	Lafayette/Walnut Creek	3	3	2
07	94597	Walnut Creek	3	3	2
07	94598	Walnut Creek	3	3	2
07	94801	North Richmond/Point Richmond/Richmond	3	1	1
07	94803	El Sobrante/Richmond	3	3	2
07	94804	Richmond	3	1	1
07	94805	Richmond	3	1	1
07	94806	Richmond/Hilltop Mall/San Pablo/Tara Hills	3	1	1

Local Planning Council Priority Setting Process for State Child Care and Preschool Funds (Approved 10-13-14)

History

In 1998, AB 1857-Escutia amended the Education Code, Section 8499.5, to include specific expanded mandates for Local Child Care Planning Councils (LPCs) (8499.5 (a) through (e)). One of these was an expansion of the existing LPC mandate to identify local priorities for the distribution of new state child care and development and preschool funding. The Education Code language specifies how LPCs are to conduct their work in order to identify priorities which will ensure that all the child care and preschool needs of the county are met to the greatest extent possible. The priorities are to be submitted annually to the California Department of Education and used by the Department to determine funding decisions.

The Priority Setting Process

Local Planning Councils develop priorities for funding using:

- Census zip code data and American Community Survey data as a baseline to estimate the number of children eligible for State Funded Services (and Head Start). Other pertinent local data, such as county growth factors, planning department data, or school district growth data, is then applied to achieve the most accurate estimate.
- CDE and other available zip code level data to determine the number and percent of eligible children served/not served by State or Federally Funded Services
- California Academic Performance Index, Smarter Balanced Assessment, or other School Performance Data or Child Outcome Data

The data is then analyzed using the Priority 1, 2, and 3 number and percentage thresholds and methodology, described in Attachment 1, to assign county zip codes to Priority 1, 2, or 3 designation.

These priorities are first reviewed and approved by the members of the Local Planning Council for each county, which is made up of parent consumers of child care, child care and preschool providers, public agency representatives and community agency representatives, who have been appointed by the County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools. The priorities are next made available for public review and finally reviewed and approved by the County Board of Supervisors at public hearing as prescribed in State regulations.

CSPP Full and Part-Day Priorities

1. Counties with over 5 million residents (Los Angeles County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 50% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 1500 children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 50% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 750 children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 50% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 500 children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

2. Counties with over 1 million residents (Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Alameda, Sacramento and Contra Costa Counties):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 40% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 300 children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 40% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 200 children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 25% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 100 children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

3. Counties with over 200,000 residents (Fresno County, Ventura County, Kern County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County, San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Sonoma County, Tulare County, Solano County, Monterey County, Santa Barbara County, Placer County, San Luis Obispo County, Santa Cruz County, Marin County, Merced County, Butte County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 40% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 150 children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 25% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 75 children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 25% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 50 children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3 No other zip codes in the County.

4. Counties with under 200,000 residents (Yolo County, Shasta County, El Dorado County, Imperial County, Kings County, Madera County, Napa County, Humboldt County, Nevada County, Sutter County, Mendocino County, Yuba County, Lake County, Tehama County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 50% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 24 children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 35% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 20% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

5. Counties with under 60,000 residents (Tuolumne County, San Benito County, Calaveras County, Siskiyou County, Amador County, Lassen County, Del Norte County, Glenn County, Colusa County, Plumas County, Mariposa County, Inyo County, Trinity County, Mono County, Modoc County, Sierra County, Alpine County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 50% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 35% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 20% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County

CCTR Priorities for Full-Day Infant Toddler Services

1. Counties with over 5 million residents (Los Angeles County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 50% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 1500 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 50% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 750 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 50% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 500 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

2. Counties with over 1 million residents (Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Alameda, Sacramento and Contra Costa Counties):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 40% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 300 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 40% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 200 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 25% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 100 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

3. Counties with over 200,000 residents (Fresno County, Ventura County, Kern County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County, San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Sonoma County, Tulare County, Solano County, Monterey County, Santa Barbara County, Placer County, San Luis Obispo County, Santa Cruz County, Marin County, Merced County, Butte County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 40% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 150 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 25% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 75 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 25% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 50 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

4. Counties with under 200,000 residents (Yolo County, Shasta County, El Dorado County, Imperial County, Kings County, Madera County, Napa County, Humboldt County, Nevada County, Sutter County, Mendocino County, Yuba County, Lake County, Tehama County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 50% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 24 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 35% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 20% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

5. Counties with under 60,000 residents (Tuolumne County, San Benito County, Calaveras County, Siskiyou County, Amador County, Lassen County, Del Norte County, Glenn County, Colusa County, Plumas County, Mariposa County, Inyo County, Trinity County, Mono County, Modoc County, Sierra County, Alpine County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 50% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 35% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 20% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

CCTR Priorities for Full-Year School-Aged Child Development Services

Afterschool Safety and Education Services (ASES) and Twenty-first Century funding allocated to Counties should be included in calculation of supply, even though these programs do not offer year round child care services.

1. Counties with over 5 million residents (Los Angeles County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 50% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 1500 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 50% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 750 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 50% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 500 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

2. Counties with over 1 million residents (Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Alameda, Sacramento and Contra Costa Counties):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 40% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 500 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 40% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 200 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 25% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 100 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

3. Counties with over 200,000 residents (Fresno County, Ventura County, Kern County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County, San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Sonoma County, Tulare County, Solano County, Monterey County, Santa Barbara County, Placer County, San Luis Obispo County, Santa Cruz County, Marin County, Merced County, Butte County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 40% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 200 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 25% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 100 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 25% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 50 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

4. Counties with under 200,000 residents (Yolo County, Shasta County, El Dorado County, Imperial County, Kings County, Madera County, Napa County, Humboldt County, Nevada County, Sutter County, Mendocino County, Yuba County, Lake County, Tehama County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 50% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 24 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 35% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 20% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.

5. Counties with under 60,000 residents (Tuolumne County, San Benito County, Calaveras County, Siskiyou County, Amador County, Lassen County, Del Norte County, Glenn County, Colusa County, Plumas County, Mariposa County, Inyo County, Trinity County, Mono County, Modoc County, Sierra County, Alpine County):

Priority 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 1 when: there are 50% or more eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Priority 2: A zip code qualifies as Priority 2 when: there are 35% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Priority 3: Option 1: A zip code qualifies as Priority 3 when: there are 20% or more of eligible children underserved AND there are more than 10 eligible children underserved.

Option 2: All other zip codes in the County.

Option 3: No other zip codes in the County.