



To: David Twa, Contra Costa County Administrator
From: Kathy Gallagher, EHSD Director
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News /Accomplishments

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Director



- Seventeen (17) CSB student workers are officially enrolled in the Teacher Apprenticeship program. The first class was held on Monday, October 16th. The students had an orientation and tutorial on how to use laptops that were issued to them by CSB Business Systems to be used for their school work. Fridays will be tutoring days when participants are supported with homework by CSB managers and supervisors.
- CSB hired three (3) Practice Based Coaching (PBC) coaches to work with lead teachers (directly operated and partner lead teachers) using the Teachers Learning and Collaborating (TLC) approach. A kick-off meeting for Site Supervisors was held on October 27th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. PBC coaches will begin working with the proposed 20-24 selected participants in November up to 18 months. We are currently developing our TLC plan.
- CSB has started an exciting new partnership with MILLS College that will provide students with field internships at selected childcare sites. This partnership will assist CSB in expanding its exposure to education theories and it will yield learning objectives for the student interns in regards to child development theory and practice.
- Crescent Park's toddler room is now in operation with 8 children, and Bayo Vista's toddler room is also in operation with 6 children. We hope to open Balboa, Las Deltas, and Brookside in early November 2017.
- Teachers are completing first assessments for children that were enrolled in July 2017. Results will be included in our outcomes report, and used to develop the 2017-18 School Readiness Goals.
- All CSB Head Start and Early Head Start sites are preparing for a series of family engagement activities such as "Back to School Night", "Community Work Day" and "Food Day" in the month of November – December 2017. Everyone is invited to take part.
- We have had a series of Early Closures in September which gives opportunity for Center-based individualized meeting and training, Refresher Comprehensive Services training.
- An orientation for the Policy Council (PC) was conducted on September 30, 2017 at Crowne Plaza Hotel. The orientation was attended by parent representatives from center-based, partner and delegate sites. The election for the new PC officers took place on October 18, 2017.
- Bayo Vista Children's Center in collaboration with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, is offering radKIDS to its children and families. radKIDS is a personal empowerment Safety Education program for parents and children. The purpose of the program is to enhance the ability of children and parents to utilize knowledge, skills, and



power to protect themselves from violence and harm. Deputy Sam Noble, a certified radKIDS trainer, from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department introduced the first radKIDS session during a parent meeting at Bayo Vista. Bayo Vista is the first pilot site. The goal is to gradually introduce this safety education program at all CSB sites.

- On September 22nd, CSB introduced the CSEFEL Teaching Pyramid in 5 preschool classrooms at Bayo Vista, GMIII and Riverview centers. The Teaching Pyramid is a comprehensive approach designed to help educators promote social-emotional competence, address challenging behaviors in young children, and develop safe and nurturing group environments for all children. This approach will complement the "Second Step" curriculum that has been used widely in all CSB classrooms. The rest of the classrooms will be slowly taking part in the Teaching Pyramid implementation when it is offered in Contra Costa County in fall 2018.
- The Community Action Program's RFI #644 was released to the public on October 27th with applications due on Friday, November 17th. This RFI is meant to select subcontractors to provide safety net services throughout the county. An informational session will be held on November 9th to assist applicants with any questions they may have.
- CSB welcomes KinderCare and Baby Yale as new childcare partners and is excited to expand services with the YMCA to implement the newly awarded Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grant.
- The Partner Unit held its Annual Partners training on Thursday, October 19th which was well attended and received. The day was punctuated with wellness activities including hula hooping!

I. Status Updates:

a. Caseloads, workload (all programs)

- Head Start enrollment: 98%
- Early Head Start enrollment: 100.23%
- Early Head Start Child Care Partnership enrollment: 100%
- Early Head Start Child Care Partnership # 2 enrollment (*Start-up year*)*: 18% of funded enrollment; 100% for current capacity
- Head Start Average Daily Attendance: 87.9%
- Early Head Start Average Daily Attendance: 87.1%
- Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Attendance: 87.1%
- Stage 2: 350 families and 553 children
- CAPP: 147 families and 244 children
- In total: 497 families and 797 children
- Incoming transfers from Stage 1: 20 families and 33 children
- LIHEAP: 8 households have been assisted
- Weatherization: 20 units

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b. Staffing:

- During the month of October CSB conducted interviews to fill vacant various teaching and clerical positions. The Bureau is anticipating interviews for filling also vacancies within the Comprehensive Services Assistant Manager (CSAM), ASA III, Intermediate Clerk, Site Supervisor classifications.

II. Emerging Issues and Hot Topics:

- The Governor signed AB 435 last week which is great news for Contra Costa. This bill will allow the county to develop a pilot subsidized childcare plan that will allow our child care community to pool state funds allocated to subsidized child care at the local level and use them in a more coordinated way to the benefit of families and providers. Our bill was modeled after successful pilots in San Francisco, San Mateo and Alameda Counties. With their local flexibility, those counties have been able to reimburse child care providers at a higher rate, serve more children, and extend eligibility to 24 months so families have fewer hoops to jump through to maintain their child's child care placement. Over the next several months, we'll be working hard to flesh out our local plan for how to use this new flexibility, and hope to implement it in January 2019.

* EHS-CCP2 enrollment listed above is for our new grant and only some of the classrooms are in operation at this time. Full operation is not anticipated for this grant until December 2017

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