

# SRJC CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

## FALL 2025 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Friday November 14, 2025

**Time:** 12:30-2:00PM

**Location:** Call Center Room 3862 or **Zoom:** <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/81056701515>

**Facilitator:** Melanie Dodson & Alice Hampton

**Members in Attendance:** Megan Willson, Jenny Copeland, Manisha Gupta, Renee Whitlock, Melanie Dodson, Kathy Kelly, Liz de Primo, Jessica Borland, Paige Newton, Leslie Corral Cisneros

**Other attendees:** Christine Tenorio (SRJC), Alice Hampton (SRJC), Mackinzie Galindo SRJC, Lisel Murdock (SSU), Ivett Avina (First 5 guest)

### Agenda

Check in: updates on your program; share how the government shutdown and/or changes in government funding have affected your program?

- CACFP funding is uncertain most centers want to help support their families. Food insecurities for staff and parents, families have to choose filling food instead of high-quality food for children.
- Funding for foster children are unstable
- Sonoma State was approved to offer the Pk-3 credential. They hope to start the 1<sup>st</sup> cohort Fall 2027. They are looking for faculty to support this credential and for places who are able to supervise the candidates in their classrooms.
- IEP/ Special Ed funding. Higher cost to serve for younger children.
- State budget will be released on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Provider Open house at 4cs. Connecting with providers to ask questions for 5:30-7:30pm. All leads of all departments will participate. Hands on support, one on one support.
- Funding at the college is unstable in some grant funded programs.

### Measure I update

- \$30 million annually for early learning and mental health support programs for children ages 0-5. The first 5 will review and approve the allocation at the public hearing on December 17<sup>th</sup> and will set a final approval set for December 1<sup>st</sup>. Surveys are due by December 7<sup>th</sup> on early investment, one-time payments to providers and early learning staff. Workgroups or advisory groups will be created to support these funds.
  - Apprenticeship has been built and programs are taking advantage of the apprenticeship. Program grew quickly, which was challenging, but it has been a wonderful program to support other programs. Moving from hours to competency- based to complete the program. Theory and practice bridge for the apprentices is very helpful for them understand our work.
2. Mentor Program updates
- Looking for mentor teachers to place the practicum students. Need director mentors and people in the selection committee. Also want bilingual individuals.

3. Update on CDTC discussion (from last meeting)
  - SRJC Child Development has looked at bringing back a coordinator position, but can't find a way to sustain a contract with a faculty coordinator at the current level of reimbursement they are offering..
  - They are hoping to fund workshops for professional growth advisors this school year.
  - Sonoma State does not have anyone to support with permits.
  - Sonoma county office of ed has 2 people working with supporting TK credentials.
  - Currently the Child Development permit matrix is being updated. We're waiting on dates for the new permit matrix to take effect. Associate teachers can now renew their permit. There is no limit to renewing.
4. Child Development updates—several big things are happening that will affect our coursework here
  - Common Course Numbering, that will change the numbering of most of our core classes and remove prerequisite from curriculum course (Chld 90.4). (starting Fall 2028)
  - 5 prerequisites before you take Practicum.
5. Discussion and potential impacts to our community
  - ECE Workforce Registry:
    - i. Statewide registry is no longer funded and planning to shut down, but contracting with some counties to continue to provide services.
    - ii. First 5 looking into contracting directly with the Workforce Registry to keep the registry available to Sonoma County
    - iii. A lot of the programs use the Registry system to document all staff's Professional Development hours.