



## Child Development Spring 2024 Advisory Committee Meeting

**Location:** SRJC Call Child Development building, **Room 3862**

Or

Zoom: <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/83927436098>

**Date:** May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 12:30-2:30pm

**Facilitators:** Melanie Dodson & Alice Hampton

**Attendees:** Melanie Dodson, Manisha Gupta proxy for Lisa Grocott, Kathy Kelly, Megan Wilson, Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh, Jenny Copeland, Liz DePrimo Proxy for Susy Marron, Leslie Corral Cisneros, Milagros Ott, Daisy Cardenas, Mackenzie Galindo, Elita Amini Virmani, Ayumi Negasi, Linda Maloney, Jennifer Allen, Rachel Smith, Meghan Rhodes, Jasmin Demil, Maleese Warner, Martha Ceja, Alice Hampton,

Motion to approve December Minuets:

1st: Jenny Copeland

2<sup>nd</sup>: Melanie Dodson

Favor: Manisha

Abstain: Ayumi Nagasi – not present

### Agenda Items:

#### 1. Check in and announcements

- Workforce pathways has additional funding for a few more students working in a subsidized care program they need to be working 13 hours a week with children. If students have taken summer 2023, fall 23, or spring 24 classes, including SSU students. Please reach out to Contact Erica Vuong at [evuong@scoe.edu](mailto:evuong@scoe.edu) or child care council online.
- The Early Learners Conference Planning is underway and will be on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open now. We need presenters for ELC conference.



- WestEd and First 5 CA has efforts to support local early education sectors and systems with BEELS Building Equitable Early Learning Systems. Funding to help create a road map about what equity can look like. Hoping to engage local ECE sectors at the local county levels. If you like data collection, mapping of data, and creating policy. Leslie will send out more information about this.
- SSU update: Due to the expansion of the ECE undergraduate program they are adding and changing concentrations under ECE that includes: Early care and Education, Community, Health, and Social Services for Children, Elementary Pre-credential concentration, and Special Education Specialist (Starting fall 2024). In addition, SSU has a fully online MA program. This was the first year and was very successful. Faculty are currently working on the Pk-3 specialist credential hoping to offer it for Fall 2025. The redefining of the concentrations is so that it helps student get to their career goals or applying for grad school. SRJC classes will still fulfill the requirements for all of the new concentrations.
- 4cs: Listening session for elected officials to come and hear about childcare providers and what is going on in the field. Come out to ask them where the funding is going- at Steel Lane school on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Champions for Children event- nominations are now open. Nominate someone who is doing wonderful things for children. Event is on November 8<sup>th</sup> and winners will get \$1000.
  - ii. They are in mass enrollment for child care vouchers birth -12 years. Next enrollment event is June 13<sup>th</sup>. getting 50-100 people to enroll every 2 weeks. Will be doing a mass enrollment for the preschool slots for the fall. Looking to enroll 300-400 families.
- CAP Sonoma County Partnership is changing their name to Sonoma CAN (Sonoma Community Action Network)

## **2. Reports and updates from Child Development**



- **Child 66 changes** from 6 units to 4 units starting Fall 24. It will now be 6 hours of lecture and 4 hours in the classroom. Class is full. Hoping this will help students who have full time jobs.
- **Department** working on balancing hybrid and online courses offered. Hired a full-time faculty and 2 more Spanish associate faculty. Child Development Teacher Education for transfer AA is being offered again. We will offer Dual enrollment for 60 students at Cloverdale High School for Fall 24. Child 111A offered again Spring 25.
- **Electives for Fall 2024:**
  - i. Special needs part B
  - ii. Language arts (online)
- **Summer classes 2024**
  - i. Chld 90.1 in Spanish
- **Mentor Program**
  - i. Mentor selection in the fall. Contact Alice Hampton. Mentor teachers' requirements are they need to be in the classroom 5 days a week, at least 3 hours as day and with same group of children. They are looking for more afternoon teachers.

### **3. Apprenticeship updates/ECEPTS conference (Jasmin)**

- Conference was centering equity and access as primary drivers in the program. Some barriers they found were: language barriers, needs for transportation, childcare, healthcare, essential supports, computers, books, and fingerprinting. We started with 10 apprentices in the Spanish cohort and now we only have 4. Exceeding our expectations. We have 8 apprentices graduating today from the first cohort that started Fall 23. Apprenticeship program has 40 apprentices to support the industry.

### **4. Teach for the Bay Conference (Maleese)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of October- online, free for teachers in the bay area. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. All day different times. They are looking for presenters. Maleese will send out information about this. Professional development opportunity. It's a replica for the Teach for LA they are trying to model from.



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## 5. Perkins funding (Rachel)/ Pre-Apprenticeship (Maleese)

- Perkins funds are federal funded and are now more focused on ECE and EDU including teacher education. Things we can do with Perkins-teacher pathway, yearlong federal funding source. Applications open up mid-February or mid-march. Funding is one year.
- Strong workforce is part of the state funds that are 2-year grants.
- We need to start thinking about things we can apply for to support our career pathways. We can start to plan out and figure out what we want to apply for by December 2024, then apply for funds in the Spring 25 when the application is open.
- Hoping to start the pre-apprenticeship- We need to find places that can have high schoolers and providers in close proximity for the pre-apprenticeship program. Cloverdale will have pre-apprenticeship and Windsor, Casa Grande, Elsie Allen is also on board. We have to write the pre-apprenticeship program that works for us. Reach out to the following high schools: Piner, Roseland, Sonoma Valley, and Santa Rosa. Jason Riggs, Extended Child Care and YMCA, because they are licensed and they have the quality ratios. 60 students taking Child 10 in the Fall 2024.

### Ideas and inspirations for future work

- May 10<sup>th</sup> Governors proposed revise budget for 24-25 release May 10<sup>th</sup>. It did not include good things for Early care and Education.
- Promise made for 200,000 slots for child care vouchers. - 119, 000 were delivered and 81,000 slots were delayed. 3 organizations applied and were awarded CCTR funding (general child care funding) 4c's, NBCC, Cotati- Rohnert Park School District they received 104 slots for infant toddler care. They received a letter stating that those awards were rescinded. We to need to contact elected officials and advocate for services in Sonoma county for younger children.
- New proposal for the CSPP contact will be able to serve 24-month-5-year old. Prompt 98 grantee.
- Hold harmless- expire June 2025- rate reform is off the table for go back to 2018 market rate, except for CSPP rates.



- IEEP (Inclusive Early Education program)- SCOE send in an application to reapply for funding it was awarded however the letter may not mean anything. Planned to partner with 7 schools districts in the county. Might not get funded anymore.
  - i. Ed source- funding was taken from IEEP to fund electric school busses in the state.
- Foster Youth Bridge Program. Program is for foster care providers to get training and support paying for child care for children in foster care.
- Are there opportunities for cohorts within an organization to pay for an instructor to teach an infant and toddler class? Can Sonoma State and or SRJC faculty offer classes to organizations. State contract need you to have additional classes for their staff.

**Next meeting possibly in October.**

**Meeting adjourned 2:17pm**