

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Day Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

A. Categories of Membership

Twenty percent of Planning Committee members must represent each of the following categories: Child Care Provider, Child Care Consumer, Community Representative, Public Agencies, and Discretionary. **Please place a check mark next to all of the categories that apply to you and provide the information requested.**

___ **1. Child Care Consumer** - currently use child care or have used it within the past 36 months

___ **2. Child Care Provider** - please check the type of care you provide:

___ a.) Licensed family child care

___ b.) Licensed center funded by California Department of Education (CDE)

Center Name Street City Zip

___ c.) Licensed center, not funded by CDE

Center Name Street City Zip

___ d.) License-exempt child care

Program name (if applicable) Street City Zip

___ **3. Community Representative** - excluding agencies that contract with the CDE to provide child care and development services

Agency/Organization Street City Zip

___ **4. Public Agency** - including City, County, State, and local education agencies

Agency/Organization Street City Zip

___ **5. Discretionary/Other** _____
Agency/Organization

Address: _____

B. Member Responsibilities

- 1) Members are expected to attend up to ten (10) monthly meetings and an annual orientation and/or retreat. Regular meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated on the yearly calendar (one Saturday meeting/year).
- 2) Each member is required to participate in at least one Work Group. **Please indicate in which work group you would most like to participate:**

___ **Policies and Membership:** develops annual slate of members; reviews and revises the policies and procedures for the Planning Committee; participates in annual self-review.

___ **Funding and Priorities:** oversees process for setting geographic priorities for State funding; reviews data related to the Needs Assessment for child care and development; reviews requests for changes in service priorities.

___ **Workforce:** reviews and develops policy initiatives to improve the compensation and qualifications for early childhood personnel. Serves as an advisory group to the Investing in Early Educators Program.

___ **Quality:** supports Steps to Excellence Project (STEP) staff in determining ways to standardize and streamline quality rating assessment process; influence local, state, and federal quality initiatives; facilitate the promotion of quality standards to parents.

___ **Inclusion:** promotes inclusion of children with special needs in typical child care and development environments; promotes coordination of services.

___ **Improving Access to Care/Centralized Eligibility List (CEL):** looks at long term strategies to improve access to child care and development services and improve the use and function of the CEL.

___ **Joint Committee on Legislation:** reviews, prioritizes and makes recommendations to the Planning Committee and the Policy Roundtable for Child Care on issues and legislation related to child care and development.

___ **Constructing Connections LA Collaborative:** assists individuals and groups who are developing child care centers in Los Angeles County; considers funding, barriers to development, and improving available technical assistance to facilitate the development of more child care facilities in Los Angeles County.

3) Each member must appoint an **Alternate from the same membership category** to take the member's place in the member's absence. Please designate your alternate below and provide complete contact information.

Name: _____

Agency/organization (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Membership Category: Check all that apply to your potential alternate:

Child Care Provider Child Care Consumer Discretionary

Community Representative Public Agency

C. Additional Background Information on Applicant: *(May attach a resume if you prefer.)*

Please describe all relevant professional and community organizations with which you are currently involved (i.e., serve on Boards and/or Commissions):

MISSION STATEMENT

County of Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee

The mission of the Child Care Planning Committee is to engage parents, child care providers, allied organizations, community, and public agencies in collaborative planning efforts to improve the overall child care infrastructure of Los Angeles County, including the quality and continuity, affordability and accessibility of child care and development services for all families.



CHILD CARE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Membership Application 2011-12



Dear Colleague:

The Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) is recruiting new members for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and hopes that you will take the time to complete and submit this application. In addition to meeting the legislatively-mandated categories for membership described in Section A, the Planning Committee is committed to ensuring that the geographic, ethnic, and cultural diversity of our County is reflected in the overall membership.

The Policies and Membership Work Group of the Planning Committee will review all applications and make recommendations to the full Planning Committee. Upon adoption, the Planning Committee will forward the recommended membership slate to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, which have final approval by August 2011.

We encourage applicants to carefully assess both their ability to participate in Planning Committee activities and commitment to the Mission Statement. Regular participation in the monthly meetings and in a Work Group is required of all members. The Planning Committee's focus is on facilitating the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Child Care and Development for the County of Los Angeles 2003-2013. **It is very important that every member be a working member.**

Completed applications should be mailed, e-mailed or faxed by **May 9, 2011** to:

Office of Child Care
222 South Hill Street, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Fax: (213) 217-5106

lescobedo@ceo.lacounty.gov
www.childcare.lacounty.gov

If you have questions, please contact Ancelma Sanchez at (213) 353-1600 x20, JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia at (323) 935-4035, or Laura Escobedo at (213) 974-4102. All Planning Committee meetings are open to the public. **Your participation, regardless of membership, is welcomed.**

Sincerely,

Bobbie Edwards, Chair
Child Care Planning Committee

Ancelma Sanchez, Co-chair
JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia, Co-chair
Policies and Membership Work Group

CURRENT MEMBERS MUST RE-SUBMIT AN APPLICATION EACH YEAR.