



## Child Care Planning Committee Work Groups



### **Inclusion Work Group**

The mission of the Inclusion Work Group is to ensure the identification, early intervention and inclusion of children at risk for and with disabilities and other special needs in high quality child care and development programs in Los Angeles County. The Inclusion Work Group has three primary goals: integrate early intervention systems that recognize and respond early to learning difficulties in young children who may be at risk of learning disabilities; increase the availability of and access to high quality early care and education programs for children at risk and with disabilities and other special needs; and promote the connections between early care and education programs and other health and social service providers to ensure that children's developmental needs are met within the context of the family and child's early care and education environment.

### **Joint Committee on Legislation**

Formed by the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) and the Policy Roundtable for Child Care (Roundtable) to focus on federal, state and local policy initiatives as they impact early care and education services available for Los Angeles County families. Monitors state and federal legislation and budgets and guides the development of recommended positions on selected bills and the Governor's budget and may revise for proposal to the Board of Supervisors by the Planning Committee and Roundtable. Reviews annually child care and development items for inclusion in the County's state and federal legislative agendas.

### **Membership and Policy**

The Membership and Policy Work Group manages the recruitment and selection of Planning Committee members each year. In addition, the Work Group reviews, updates, and clarifies Planning Committee policies and procedures, advises on the Planning Committee strategy related to leadership development, and plans the annual retreat and/or new member orientation.

### *Strategic Plan Implementation Work Groups*

#### **Quality**

The Quality Work Group develops plans to implement the Strategic Plan for Child Care and Development in Los Angeles County – 2013-14 (Strategic Plan) in areas relating to quality. Among its tasks is serving as an advisory to the locally-based quality rating and improvement systems.

#### **Access**

The Access Work Group oversees the process for setting geographic priorities for State funding, reviews data related to the needs assessment for child care and development, and develops plans to implement the Access section of the Strategic Plan.

#### **Planning Council Role**

The Planning Council Role Work Group will explore extending the role of the Planning Committee as a forum for open discussion and building consensus around issues relating to child care and development.

#### **Workforce**

The Workforce Work Group develops plans to implement the Workforce section of the Strategic Plan. Among its tasks is serving as an advisory to the Investing in Early Educators – Stipend Program.

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