



**Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Care**  
 Annual Retreat at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center  
 July 11, 2012 • 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



*Somebody has to and that means us!*

	Agenda Item	Discussion Leader	Inspiration
8:30	Coffee and Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Annual Evaluation</li> </ul>		<i>Poems by Shel Silverstein</i>
9:00	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of Minutes</li> <li>Election of Chair and Vice Chair</li> <li>Comments from Chair and Vice Chair</li> </ul>	Jacquelyn McCroskey Chair  <i>Action Item</i>  <i>Action Item</i> Nominating Committee	<b>SOMEBODY HAS TO</b>  Somebody has to go polish the stars, They're looking a little bit dull. Somebody has to go polish the stars, For the eagles and starlings and gulls Have all been complaining they're tarnished and worn, They say they want new ones we cannot afford. So please get your rags And your polishing jars, Somebody has to go polish the stars.
9:30	There is Progress - Despite The Tough Times  News from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washington D.C.</li> <li>across the state, and</li> <li>the world of philanthropy</li> </ul>	Whit Hayslip Policy Roundtable Member Emeritus	<b>HOW MANY, HOW MUCH</b>  How many slams in an old screen door? Depends how loud you shut it. How many slices in bread? Depends how thin you slice it. How much good inside a day? Depends how good you live'em. How much love inside a friend? Depends on how much you give'em.
10:15	Implementation of the Child Care Policy Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where do we stand on our commitments?</li> <li>What has worked well and what was problematic?</li> </ul>	Jacquelyn McCroskey	<b>HURK</b>  I'd rather play tennis than go to the dentist. I'd rather play soccer than go to the doctor I'd rather play Hurk than go to work. Hurk? Hurk? What's Hurk? I don't know, but it <i>must</i> be better than work.

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10:30	Break		<b><i>STRETCH!</i></b>
11:00	<p><b>Goal 1</b> – The quality of child development services in Los Angeles County will be improved as the Steps to Excellence Project (STEP) is expanded and support services to STEP participants are intensified.</p> <p><i>Update on STEP Expansion and Race to the Top</i></p>	<p>Helen Chavez Steps to Excellence Program</p> <p>Dawn Kurtz LAUP</p>	<p><b>THE SITTER</b></p> <p>Mrs. McTwitter the baby-sitter I think she's a little bit crazy. She thinks a baby-sitter's supposed To sit upon the baby.</p>
11:30	<p><b>Goal 2</b> – Local, State and Federal policies and budgets will strengthen the child development infrastructure and support the expansion of high quality child development services that integrate family support, health, mental health and other relevant services into their operations.</p> <p><i>Summary of Actions on the State Budget and Legislation</i></p> <p><i>What impact did our actions have?</i></p>	<p>Adam Sonenshein</p> <p>Michele Sartell</p> <p>Martha Flammer Legislative Advocate</p>	<p><b>ROCKABYE</b></p> <p>Rockabye baby, in the treetop. Don't you know a treetop Is no safe place to rock? And who put you up there, And your cradle too? Baby, I think someone down here's Got it in for you.</p>
12:00	<p><b>Goal 3</b> – County departments will work collaboratively with each other and community partners to maximize the utilization of available resources, support quality improvements and promote the delivery of integrated services for children and their families.</p> <p><i>Update on Strategies and Commitments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Collaborative application for funding</i></li> <li>○ <i>MSW interns in child development agencies</i></li> <li>○ <i>Position paper on children and families experiencing homelessness</i></li> </ul>	<p>Michael Gray</p> <p>Duane Dennis</p> <p>Dora Jacildo</p>	<p><b>ANCHORED</b></p> <p>Our anchor's too big for our ship, So we're sittin' here tryin' to think. If we leave it behind we'll be lost. If we haul it on board, we will sink. If we sit and keep talkin' about it, It will soon be too late for our trip. It sure can be rough on a sailor When the anchor's too big for the ship.</p>

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12:30	Lunch Break	Enjoy!	<p><b>FRIENDSHIP</b></p> <p>I've discovered a way to stay friends forever- There's really nothing to it. I simply tell you what to do And you do it!</p>
1:15	<p><b>Goal 5</b> - The Chief Executive Office (CEO) will facilitate County department efforts to work internally, across departments and with community partners, to integrate the Strengthening Families Approach and Protective Factors into their work with children, families, and communities; and engage families in high quality child development services. The CEO, with assistance from the Center for the Study of Social Policy and key local partners, will establish a multidisciplinary SFA learning community designed to support ongoing professional development and SFA projects that are underway or emerging in County departments.</p> <p><i>Status and direction of the Learning Community</i></p>	<p>Sam Chan</p> <p>Kathy Malaske-Samu</p>	<p><b>THE LITTLE BOY AND THE OLD MAN</b></p> <p>Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon." Said the little old man, "I do that too." The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants." "I do that too," laughed the little old man. Said the little boy, "I often cry." The old man nodded, "So do I." "But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems Grown-ups don't pay attention to me." And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand. "I know what you mean," said the little old man.</p>
1:45	<p><b>Goal 4</b> – County departments will work collaboratively with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, key school districts and community-based child development services to integrate services, thereby supporting effective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articulation between child development and kindergarten</li> <li>• Design of developmentally appropriate transitional kindergarten programs</li> <li>• Identification and utilization of new or nontraditional funding</li> </ul> <p><i>Focus for 2012-2013</i></p>	<p>Keesha Woods</p> <p>Ruth Yoon</p> <p>Duane Dennis</p>	<p><b>PUT SOMETHING IN</b></p> <p>Draw a crazy picture, Write a nutty poem, Sing a mumble-gumble song, Whistle through your comb. Do a loony-goony dance 'Cross the kitchen floor, Put something silly in the world That ain't been there before.</p>

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2:00	<p>Time to reflect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What opportunities did we create/take advantage of?</li> <li>• What opportunities did we miss?</li> </ul> <p>Going forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues we have identified</li> <li>• Are our members engaged?</li> </ul>	<p>Jacquelyn McCroskey</p> <p>Terri Nishimura</p> <p>Duane Dennis</p>	<p><b>MAGIC CARPET</b></p> <p>You have a magic carpet That will whiz you through the air, To Spain or Maine or Africa If you just tell it where. So will you let it take you Where you've never been before, Or will you buy some drapes to match And use it On your Floor?</p>
2:45	<p>Wrap Up and Call to Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Thoughts</li> <li>• Public Comment and Announcements</li> <li>• Next meeting is September 12, 2012</li> </ul>	<p>Jacquelyn McCroskey</p> <p>Karla Howell</p> <p>Sharoni Little</p>	<p><b>HERE COMES</b></p> <p>Here comes summer, Here comes summer, Chirping robin, budding rose. Here comes summer, Here comes summer, Gentle showers, summer clothes. Here comes summer, Here comes summer – Whoosh- shiver- there it goes.</p>