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Michele P. Sartell, Child Care Planning Coordinator, Los Angeles County Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education.

Ms. Sartell joined the Los Angeles County Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education located within the Department of Public Health over 15 years ago to work with early care and education stakeholders on developing strategies to meet the needs of children at risk for or with developmental disabilities and/or other special needs. In addition, her responsibilities have comprised of identifying, tracking and responding to state and administrative policy proposals impacting the field of early care and education on behalf of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development and Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) – Los Angeles County’s local child care and development planning council. In July 2013, Ms. Sartell began serving as staff to the Planning Committee, facilitating the work of 50 members to conduct data collection and analyses and strategic planning with the aim of improving the overall early care and education infrastructure of the County of Los Angeles, including the quality and continuity, affordability, and accessibility of early care and education services for all families.

Ms. Sartell has worked more than 40 years as an advocate on behalf of children, youth and families, including over 20 years in the private, non-profit sector. Ms. Sartell earned a Master of Social Work from the University of Southern California and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a focus in child development from Hamline University located in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is the proud mother of an artistic and adventurous son.