



CHILD CARE & EARLY LEARNING

ISSUES, POLICIES & RESOURCES FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY



✓ WHY IT MATTERS

Affordable, quality early education and child care programs contribute to children's overall healthy growth and development, which **strengthens families** while enabling them to **go to work** and/or school and to have a positive impact on the **economy**.

✓ LEARN MORE

Visit us online to join our **mailing list** for **quarterly reports**, contact CCPC Coordinator Sarah Kinahan or learn more about our projects and priorities. www.smcoe.org/ccpc.

THE CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

A countywide resource for info about quality child care and early learning for children ages 0 to 13.

WHO WE ARE

- A **local planning council** mandated by the CA Education Code
- A **county commission** of parents, early educators, community-based agencies, private and public providers, institutions of higher education, philanthropic organizations, policy makers and other local partners

WHAT WE DO

- Conduct a **community-wide needs assessment** and create a county-wide **strategic plan** for child care services for all children, every five years
- Advise the **County Board of Supervisors** and **Superintendent of Schools** on child care and early learning program and policy issues
- Make recommendations on the **local distribution** of child care funding
- Provide a community venue to **review state and federal policies** affecting child care and early learning
- **Advocate** for a quality child care and early learning infrastructure that is:
 - Sustainably **funded**
 - Supported by a well-trained and **well-paid workforce**
 - **Accessible** to families of all socioeconomic levels and with children of all abilities
 - **Aligned** with other sectors serving children and families

Recent examples of our collaborative efforts

During the pandemic, **CCPC's partners collaborated** to provide **vital relief** and resources to the county's families and children including connecting essential workers to child care, distributing PPE and **emergency supplies**, advocating for and advising on the \$4.5M **Child Care Relief Fund**, organizing **parent town halls**, and overseeing the \$1.5M Learning Hubs Expansion Fund.



OUR PARTNERS

THE CCPC REGULARLY PARTNERS WITH THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS



First 5 San Mateo County is entrusted with the strategic investment of nearly \$7 million of public dollars each year specifically earmarked to support the success of children ages 0-5 and their families.

As the Resource & Referral (R&R) agency in our community, the 4Cs supports parents, providers, and the local community in finding, planning for, paying for, and accessing affordable, quality child care.

Build Up addresses a critical shortage of affordable, high-quality child care and preschool options by focusing on the preservation of facilities/spaces while continuing to shepherd new projects into the development pipeline to meet future needs.

Early Childhood Development at Silicon Valley Community Foundation works to dismantle systemic barriers and give all children and their families access to the care, education and resources they need to flourish.

Led by the County of San Mateo, the San Mateo County Office of Education, and Silicon Valley Community Foundation, The Big Lift is a preschool to third grade collective impact initiative to increase the percentage of students reading proficiently at third grade. Four coordinated, data driven interventions reach 3,000 low-income children annually across seven school districts.

The Early Childhood Education programs at Skyline College, Cañada College and the College of San Mateo support a professional early care and education workforce through academic certificates and degrees designed to both provide the competencies necessary for high-quality experiences for children, and to advance ECE professionals on their career pathway toward a living wage.

✓ MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

CCPC's membership includes parent consumers of child care, child care providers, and public and community agency representatives. There are twenty voting members jointly appointed by the CCPC's co-chairs. Visit www.smcoe.org/ccpc for a full listing of CCPC members.