



**ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, June 21, 2021, 09:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

Meeting will be conducted via Teleconference Only

**Website Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7327427705?pwd=SmJVTEVWMGJWY2ZVZTR6K0ILVWZlZ09>

**Meeting ID:** 732 742 7705      **Passcode:** buildupsmc

<b>Approval of June 21, 2021 Access Committee Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2021</b>	Christine Padilla
<b>Item #1: Welcome, Introductions and Check-in</b>	Christine Padilla
<b>Item #2: Review List of Potential Committee Focus Areas for May 17 meeting</b>	Christine Padilla
<b>Item #3: Analysis of Strategic Goal: Access</b> <b>ATTACHMENT: Pages 5-6 from CCPC Strategic Plan (Access)</b>	Christine Padilla
<b>Adjournment</b>	Christine Padilla

*The next Access Committee meeting is  
Monday, September 20, 2021: 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.*



**SAN MATEO COUNTY CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL  
ACCESS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 17 2021  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**CCPC Members Present:** Christine Padilla, Sarah Poulain

**Members of the Public:** Samuel Arellano, Pamela Campos, Timothy Carmona, Charlie Cervantes, Hana Ma, Karla Rodriguez, Alyson Suzuki

**Staff/Minutes:** Sarah Kinahan

**1. Call to Order**

Christine Padilla called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

Sarah Kinahan welcomed the group to the re-launch of the Access Committee, which has not met since late 2019, and had everyone introduce themselves and share why they were interested in the committee.

**3. Approval of May 17, 2021, Access Committee Meeting Agenda**

Christine asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

*M (S. Poulain) /S (K. Rodriguez) /C (Unanimous)*

**4. Review Access Committee Workplan and Strategic Plan**

Christine and Sarah walked the group through the Access Committee's Workplan and talked about how it fits with the overall CCPC Strategic Plan which runs through 2023.

Some of the Committee's workplan overlaps with the activities of Build Up for San Mateo County. For example, Build Up SMC is conducting a Land Use Survey, in partnership with CCPC, that was sent to all the cities in San Mateo County.

**5. Discuss Cross-Committee Work**

The group discussed the following ideas for working with the Quality Committee:

- Development of the Dual Language Learner Specialization that will align with the QRIS matrix.
- Issues related to Inclusion of children with special needs.
- Make sure programs are understanding parents' needs for transportation as part of program quality.

**6. Discuss and Prioritize Areas of Focus through June 2022**

The group brainstormed the following potential areas of focus over the next 12 months:

- **Track programs that have closed** (temporarily or permanently) to see if they come back online or if facilities can be preserved for child care.
- Work on Access issues related to **transportation** and parents having to juggle multiple pick up/drop off now that work and school is returning to in-person.
  - Address parents' need for a clear directory of where programs are located so they can more easily see programs that are in neighborhoods near home, school, and work. Would also be helpful to know which transportation routes are near the child care programs.
  - Potential opportunity to partner with Safe-Routes-to-Schools initiatives at school districts/COE.

- Explore Head Start model which requires the program to understand parents’ needs for transportation.
- Look into partnerships with local employers who have buses (i.e. Google, Genentech, etc.) to see if they could be used to transport children when not in use by company.
- Look into partnerships with Uber and Lyft for ride-share options.
- Look into funding that may be available to help after school programs purchase vans or hire drivers.
- **Understand what information is available for parents on mychildcare.ca.gov and what is missing.** For example, does it show school-age options? Is there a way to meet parents’ needs for information about informal/license-exempt care?
- Explore whether there will be **corporate campuses that are underutilized** if people continue to work from home that could be repurposed for child care.
- Looks at models for **Inclusion**, such as Family Connections’ partnership with Open Mind School, to understand the resources, professional development, and other supports that are needed to offer a truly inclusive program that wraps families with comprehensive supports (inclusive of all economic status, ethnicities, languages, abilities, etc.)
  - Work on the issue of children with special needs who have to see multiple specialists every day – how can these services be centralized at the child care?
  - Promote a directory of child care providers with expertise in working with children with special needs. This is the goal of the Inclusion Specialization that is being piloted by SMCOE.
  - SMCOE is working with partners on creating infographics that will help parents with children with special needs access services – share these infographics when ready.
  - Assist programs in adapting facilities to meet the needs of children with different abilities.
  - Assist programs in articulating their Inclusion philosophy.
  - Conduct a Parent Survey to understand access issues for parents with children with special needs.
- Understand opportunities for **advocacy** and work on cultivating parents to provide public comment.
- Connect with **First 5 San Mateo’s Systems Change** group.

The next step will be to review this list at the June 21, 2021 committee meeting to define action steps.

The group also identified a need to recruit a 4Cs staff person to be on the committee, as well as someone from First 5 San Mateo.

## 7. Adjournment

Christine adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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**San Mateo County Child Care Planning Council  
Strategic Implementation Plan 2019-2024**

**CCPC Strategic Goal Area: Access**

**Goal:** Families of all socioeconomic levels have access to high-quality child care birth through age 13.

**Desired Outcome of Plan:** There is a significant decrease in the gap between available supply of early care and education programs and demand.

<b>Strategic Priorities</b>	<b>Recommended Activities (to be finalized by committee)</b>
Advocate for increases in State and Federal funding and reimbursement rates for ECE programs in San Mateo County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Advocate for, track and take positions on legislation to increase and regionalize reimbursement rates and to increase overall subsidy funding, with a priority on infant/toddler care</li> </ul>
Work with local and State agencies/collaborations to improve policies and processes that support an increase in the number of ECE and after-school learning programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Advocate for policy and administrative improvements to the licensing system</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Educate school districts on how to include ECE in LCAPs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Support Build Up's advocacy plan to engage cities in supporting the development of more child care centers and family child care homes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engage family child care associations and networks to develop a plan for increasing the number of family child care homes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Advocate for an increase in state slots</li> </ul>
Maximize San Mateo County's use of state subsidy dollars to serve more eligible children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Monitor and analyze trends in earnings across San Mateo County's state-funded programs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop tools to help programs project contract earnings accurately</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Administer the Voluntary Temporary Transfer process</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Analyze and make recommendations about the mix of full and part day programs</li> </ul>
Increase access to ECE for children with special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Include data in the needs assessment on the barriers children with special needs have to access</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Advocate for state and federal action to reduce barriers to including children with special needs and ease transitions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Promote best practices for inclusion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Educate on the laws pertaining to children with special needs</li> </ul>

# San Mateo County Child Care Planning Council Strategic Implementation Plan 2019-2024

## CCPC Strategic Goal Area: Access

### Key Data Points

- From the most recent needs assessment:
  - There is care in centers/FCCs for 60% of infants, 71% of preschoolers, and 64% of school age children
  - An additional 2,527 spaces needed for infants, 7,979 spaces needed for preschoolers, and 9,218 spaces needed for school age.
  - An additional 3,285 **subsidized** spaces needed for infants, 1,064 subsidized full-day spaces needed for preschoolers, 649 subsidized part-day spaces needed for preschoolers, and 6,257 subsidized spaces needed for school age.

### Background/Other Considerations/Definitions

- Families above the subsidy income cutoff, but below self-sufficiency, struggle to access care in our County. We may want to collect more data about this population.
- The CCPC may want to study family fees and how changes to fees could improve access, e.g. extend sliding fee scales, waive fees for special populations, etc.
- Homeless families may need dedicated strategies to increase their access to care.
- The CCPC supports early care and education in all settings, such as licensed centers, family child care homes, parent co-ops, license-exempt after school, family-friend-and-neighbor, etc.
  - Different settings require different supports. In particular, increasing the supply of family child care may require novel partnerships and new models (e.g. All Our Kin (Oregon) or Wonderschool).
  - The next needs assessment may want to collect more specific information on the barriers to family child care expansion.
  - Bill to permit unionization for family child care will likely pass in 2019, causing system change
- Lack of a Centralized Eligibility list makes it difficult to fully understand the unmet need for subsidized care.
- Momentum is building at the State level for universal prekindergarten. The CCPC should evaluate how universal prekindergarten may benefit children in the County, as well as have unintended consequences on the early care and education system.
- The standard reimbursement rate for Title-V centers is 40% below the regional market rate and even farther from the true cost to deliver high quality care in San Mateo County.

### Potential Partners

- Build Up for San Mateo County's Children
- California Child Care Resource and Referral Network
- California Coalition on Early Learning
- Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County (4Cs)
- Cities
- Community-Based Organizations
- Early Head Start/Head Start Providers
- EveryChild California
- Family Child Care Association
- Family Resource Centers
- First 5 San Mateo County
- Help Me Grow
- Higher Education
- San Mateo County Human Services Agency
- Legal Aid Society
- Private Child Care
- San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- San Mateo County Lobbyist
- School Districts
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- State Elected Officials
- Silicon Valley Children's Advocacy Network
- Private Companies and large employers
- Title-V Centers
- Wonderschool and other alternative child care