

San Diego County  
**Child Care and Development  
Planning Council**  
Accomplishments  
2002



## County of San Diego Child Care Needs Assessment

- ▶ Developed a database of publications and resources relating to the need for child care and development services in San Diego County and posted it on the Planning Council website.
- ▶ Completed a Vacancy and Capacity Analysis as a part of a Child Care Economic Impact Report for San Diego County.
- ▶ Conducted a survey of Wages and Benefits offered to center based and family child care providers.
- ▶ Developed a data matrix to develop zip code priorities and to obtain relevant child care data and downloaded acquired data into a database using the County of San Diego's Geographical Information System (GIS).

## Five Year Strategic Plan

- ▶ Printed and disseminated the Five Year Strategic Plan for child care in San Diego.
- ▶ Developed and approved 2002-2003 Strategic Plan Priorities to use as a basis of planning for the year.
- ▶ Formed an ad-hoc Strategic Plan Committee to revisit the Strategic Plan and review accomplishments annually.

## Support for Special Populations

- ▶ Coordinated multiple community forums to develop priorities for SB 1703 funds designed to increase child care capacity for children with special needs, later using the data gathered at the forums to develop a plan for use of the SB 1703 funds.
- ▶ Developed and disseminated a draft of a resource guide regarding specific behavioral health needs of children entitled "Children with Challenging Behaviors" to help child care providers support children with special needs. The guide will be finalized, translated, published, and disseminated in 2003.
- ▶ Participated in the Transfer of Knowledge Symposium to look at systems change in providing child care for children with special needs and the ongoing need to look at the special needs issues in San Diego County.
- ▶ Organized trainings to educate social workers & foster parents on accessing subsidized childcare for foster children
- ▶ Worked with local School Age programs to change their admissions policies to allow foster children into the program. Also worked with local child care centers to admit foster children at a discounted rate.

## Support for Quality Child Care

- ▶ Organized a forum to discuss staffing issues related to quality care for Infants and Toddlers, availability of training and mentoring opportunities, and general concerns regarding high quality care for Infants and Toddlers in San Diego County.
- ▶ Disseminated information on children's health and safety, child care tax credits, funding opportunities for child care facilities development, and other programs that enhance the lives of children and families in San Diego County

## Collaborations with Other Organizations

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- ▶ Served on the Southern Regional Resource Center Steering committee which provided input on the development of an interactive website of resources, information, and training opportunities for child care providers.

Worked with the Southern Regional Resource Center to assist in the initiation of a training and technical assistance survey to assess the management and business training and technical assistance needs of the child care community.

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Coordinated multiple community forums with the local Children & Families Commission & the Commission on Children, Youth, & Families to develop priorities for Senate Bill 1703 which was designed to increase child care capacity for children with special needs, later using the data gathered at the forums to develop a plan for use of the funds.

- ▶ Established a Community Advisory Group made up of stakeholders, such as housing and transportation development organizations, to serve as an advisory body to the Planning Council.

Collaborated with various community colleges to develop and implement a Child Care Student Liaison Program linking early childhood education students to the resources offered by the Planning Council.

- ▶ Participated in a county-wide mobile services network linking childcare centers to service providers to encourage on-site services such as health and development screenings.

Made Planning Council resources available to low performing school districts for the development of school readiness programs.

- ▶ Publicized state and federal funding opportunities to the child care community through various community partners.

## Publications

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Published and disseminated the Five Year Strategic Plan for child care in San Diego.

- ▶ Printed Planning Council brochures as a part of a public relations information packet.

- ▶ Developed a guide for training of foster parents and information booklets for Social Workers on accessing subsidized child care for foster families.

- ▶ Published frequently asked questions regarding licensing requirements in the YMCA Childcare Resource Service Communiqué.

- ▶ Developed a white paper on quality child care and the San Diego CARES stipend program that was presented to the local Children and Families Commission.

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