



**The Santa Cruz County
Child Care Planning Council**
El Consejo de Planeación de Cuidado
Infantil del Condado de Santa Cruz
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Comprehensive Quality Care Committee Meeting Minutes

February 27, 3:00 to 5:00

COE, Ed Services Conference Room

Committee Members: Linda Kishlansky, Diane Oyler, Katie LeBaron, Christina Banuelos, Consuelo Espinosa, Elizabeth Chavez, Irene Freiberg and Leslie Cheung

Members Present: Linda Kishlansky, Diane Oyler, Katie LeBaron and Irene Freiberg

I. Child Passenger Safety Update

Katie LeBaron reported on a 40-hour technician certification course that was offered by Safe Kids of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. The Sheriff's office, Capitola Police Department and the Fire Departments of Watsonville, Santa Cruz City and Aptos/LaSelva sent representatives. Katie has just been certified as a CPS course instructor. This means she can now sign off on CPS technician re-certifications. Plan to follow-up with further trainings/practice sessions at each participating site. Katie hopes to work with these representatives to establish new car seat inspection sites as well as to leverage funds from the representative agencies for purchasing new seats. She is also looking to some of these representatives to do outreach to schools. Although it's currently on the back burner, she is still interested in outreaching to and providing services to the Child Care centers.

Katie still planning to host a booth at the PACE/CCAAYC conference. She is also planning to reestablish an active Safe Kids chapter in Santa Cruz County. She will be looking for certified technicians to join and anyone interested in doing advocacy around child passenger safety. Quarterly meetings to begin in March.

II. Update on Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP), CCIP LEAP (License Exempt Assistance Program) and PITC (Program for Infant and Toddler Caregivers) programs.

CCIP- Provides training and incentives for newly licensed child care providers who provide care for infants and toddlers. CCIP participants must complete 25 hours of training (16 of which are covered by the PITC training module) and the remainder can be in a variety of topics. Diane is encouraging CCIP participants to attend an upcoming training by SPIN titled "How Does Your Child Learn to Talk?". Diane also brings in ChildCare Ventures for business training to help providers build in sustainability into their program. CCIP also provides an excellent opportunity for providers to network with one another. Upon completion of the program, participants who complete 25 hours of training receive a year long membership to one of the two county-wide Family Child Care Associations.

CCIP LEAP- Providing child development focused training modules for license-exempt child care providers. Recently tapped into Sunny Meadows apartment

complex who have 200 apartments, director is happy to have the program at his site. Also outreaching to Annie's Nannies (the only nanny program in town – comprised of about 20 nannies), Voucher Project and CalWORKS (will be sending exempt voucher providers to trainings). Also working with the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center's half-way house- every two months they have 25 new parents in transition who do provide informal child care for each other's children. Also outreaching to the Beach Flats, Teenage Mothers Program and Walnut Avenue Women's Center.

In addition to providing direct trainings and incentives to participants, LEAP staff will be bringing in representatives from other service agencies such as the libraries and Food and Nutrition to offer additional resources to the participants. Also looking at the possibility of leveraging First 5 dollars to expand the program. The program will provide two Saturday training sessions per month. Modules are for two months, so participants can receive up to 8 hours of training.

This program may help to provide needed data/information that would help the State Food and Nutrition program to begin to provide reimbursement to informal child care providers.

PITC- Provides core 16 hours of training free of charge for CCIP participants. First training was February 4th. The next training will be on March 4th. The training is delivered in four 4-hour trainings on the first Saturday of each month. Claudia Vestal is conducting the English trainings and Lupe Cortez is conducting the Spanish trainings. Linda Kishlansky mentioned that the Early Intervention partners can provide additional staff hours to meet the needs of the CCIP program. Could be an additional 4-hour training (to be offered to more than just CCIP participants?) which would focus specifically on Special Needs children.

III. Other training opportunities for Child Safety, Infant/Toddler Care and Special Needs Care.

- SPIN- The Basics of Autism Spectrum Disorders March 18th from 9:00 to 3:30 at Watsonville High School Cafeteria.
- West Ed- "All of Us Together Moving to Inclusion" Conference– 10 teams statewide were selected to participate. Teams to meet twice prior to conference and then attend conference on May 4th and 5th. Each team gets a facilitator. Local team made up of nine members: Dana Cox, Consuelo Espinosa, Diane Oyler, Linda Kislansky, Oscar Torres, Cici Pinhero, Nancy Spangler, Vicki Boriack, Randa Johnson. Team has not yet met. First team meeting date- March 16th.

IV. Follow-up discussion of SB640 plans and First 5 grant proposal ideas.

Members discussed possibility of applying for a First 5 Community grant to provide parent training for parents with Special Needs. Members proposed the idea of COE and SPIN collaborating to outreach and provider training. Diane to call Cici Pinhero of SPIN to discuss the possibility of a collaborative effort and begin proposal writing.

V. Next meeting date: March 27th, 2006 3-5