

## **Draft 2007-2008 Committee Goals and Action Plan:**

1. Utilize current and emerging research to engage private sector (including Business, Community) and government support for ECE and SAEL programs.
  - Gather current studies/research and utilize locally generated data and distill key message to disseminate to decision-makers.
  - Reach out to UCSC Chancellor – provide technical assistance
  - Reach out to Cabrillo College Board, President and Vice-president
  - Reach out to local elected officials including County Supervisors, County Superintendent of Schools, District Superintendents, City Mayors/Council Members.
  - Support ChildCare Ventures in outreaching to business (EIR launch).
  - Reach out to general community via the media.
2. Maintain and expand the supply of **quality** infant/toddler, preschool and school age programs.
  - Advocate locally and at the state level to maintain and expand the supply of all needed types of care: subsidized, center-based, family child care, informal child care.
  - Work with the County of Santa Cruz, fire departments, city planning departments, and California Community Care Licensing to alleviate obstacles and barriers related to regulations for centers and family child care homes as needed.
  - Support the development of a universal preschool program for all three and four year olds that incorporates the existing ECE delivery system to ensure parental choice and integration with full-day care and education options.
    - Assist districts in opening preschools on school sites.
    - Advocate for the development of a local P-16 Council
3. Advocate for and respond to state legislation regarding issues that pertain to ECE and SAEL.
  - Gather input and advocate a legislative solution to a current need (work with Laird's office).