



2006-2007 Policy and Local Planning Committee

Hot Topics

- CalWORKS/TANF Regulations/Funding
- Community Care Licensing
- Standard Reimbursement Rates
- Flexibility of State Funding Streams
- Higher Education Articulation
- Outreach/Awareness/Public Education
- City General Plans

“Warm” Topics

- State Median Income Eligibility
- Regional Market Rates
- Universal Preschool
- Unionization of Child Care

Committee Activities/Events:

- Regional Leg Forum
- Local forums as needed
- Annual Presentations to elected officials (BOS, County Board of Ed)
- Attend/speak at annual local legislative gatherings (Santa Cruz County and Cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville.
- Annual Priority Setting Report

Committee Goals:

1. Participate in and provide assistance for the following activities: the annual Bay Area Legislative Forum, local forums as needed, annual presentations to elected officials (including the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools/County Board of Education), regular attendance at annual local legislative breakfasts put on by the County of Santa Cruz and the cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville.
2. In accordance with CDD guidelines, conduct and submit an annual update of the Child Care Expansion Priorities for Santa Cruz County.
3. Meet with elected officials and key stakeholders to provide education/information on issues related to state and local child care policy including general plan and zoning issues as needed.
4. Monitor, track and advocate on local and state policy issues via public outreach campaigns, letters to elected officials and other means.