



# Solano County Local Child Care Planning Council

## 2009 – 2012 Strategic Plan

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Network**  
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GOAL	OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES	DESIRED OUTCOME	DESIRED OUTPUT (deliverable)	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	AGENCY LEAD	TIMELINE
<b>I. Improve the Quality of Child Care and Development Services in Solano County.</b>	IA. Increase the number of trained and permitted child care staff in Solano County.	IA1. Create a user's guide for navigating the ECE system	Students will better understand the permit matrix requirements and ECE coursework system resulting in more students successfully completing requirements.	User guide will be available at community college for all ECE students and CN website.	SCC/ECE faculty LPC Coordinator, SCC/CP Asst Director, SCCPDP Coordinator	Solano Community College,	Complete a draft by 6/10 Distribute guide by 9/10
		IA2. Evaluate and fully describe the training needs for CDD Managers	A training program will be implemented with current CDD directors.	LPC minutes will reflect report on training program	LPC Coordinator, SCC/CP Director, SCCPDP Coordinator.	Children's Network	May 2011
		IA3. Expand provider support services to include web based services	A list serve, moderated forum and/or social networking system for child care providers will be developed.	Email with link to networking site will be sent to local providers	SCC/CP Director Children's Network Executive Assistant	Children's Network, Solano Family and Children's Services	August 2010
		IA4. Host an accreditation preparation for family child care and center based providers, and secure funding to assist providers with a shared cost of self study materials.	At least one preparation training will be held for family child care providers, and one for center based providers.	Agenda and attendance records of accreditation preparation training	SCC/CP Director, SCLFCCA Accreditation facilitator.	Solano County Licensed Family Child Care Association Solano Community College/ Children's Program,	June 2011
		IA5. Collect baseline, interim, and final data of number of permitted child care providers in Solano County	Data will be collected at least 4 times to evaluate success of interventions.	LPC minutes will reflect presentation of data spreadsheet.	LPC Coordinator Child Development Training Consortium Coordinator and SCCPDP Coordinator	Children's Network, Solano Community College	June 2012

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	IB: Support child care providers in implementing research-based best practices	IB1. Assist in facilitating <u>California Preschool Learning Foundation</u> and <u>California Preschool Curriculum Framework</u> workshops in Solano County.	Providers will attend Preschool Learning Foundation trainings	Agenda and attendance records of trainings	SCOE- Director of Professional Development	Solano County Office of Education	October 2011
		1B2.Assist in facilitating the Ages and Stages Questionnaire workshops in Solano County.	Providers will attend the Ages and Stages Questionnaire trainings	Agenda and attendance records of trainings	R & R Manager	Solano Family and Children Services	July 2009 through June 2012
		IB3.Facilitate the collaboration of trainings for Early Head Start, Infant/Toddler, and Family Child Care teachers in the PITC Philosophy	The Program for Infant Toddler Care implementation will expand from 5 to 15 trained individuals	Attendance records of trainings	LPC Coordinator VCUSD Director, SCC/CP Director SCLFFCCA, Child Start Inc, CPIN/West Ed.	Children's Network Solano Community College/ Children's Program Vallejo City Unified School District/Child Development	January 2011
		IB4.Provide relevant information regarding the compensation and training needs of the workforce, and the relationship between the cost of care and compensation of the workforce.	Child Care Workforce Report presented to LPC	LPC minutes will reflect presentation of Workforce Report	LPC Coordinator, SCCPDP Coordinator, Community Organization Analyst	Children's Network	June 2010
		IB5.Continue to promote programs that provide incentives for providers to increase their educational/professional development	CARES Report presented to the LPC	LPC minutes will reflect presentation of CARES Report	SCCPDP Coordinator	Children's Network	August 2010
		IB6. Continue to conduct outreach to businesses regarding the ways they can support their employees' child care needs.	Constructing Connections Report presented to the LPC	LPC minutes will reflect presentation of Constructing Connections Report	Constructing Connections Coordinator	Children's Network	March 2010

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<b>II: Improve Accessibility of Child Care Development Services</b>	IIA: Reduce the gap between subsidized child care supply and demand in Solano County	IIA1: Ensure that current and potential CEL participants have information, accessible training, and connectivity to the CEL by creating a user friendly system and changing protocols.	Report on Software contract presented to the LPC	LPC minutes will reflect presentation of CEL Report	CEL Administrator CEL Contractors IT Administrator	Children's Network Solano Family & Children Services	June 2010
		IIA2: Identify barriers to increasing the number of children in care	A focus group will be held with a subcommittee of LPC members	LPC minutes will reflect report on findings of focus group	LPC Chairperson LPC coordinator	Children's Network	April 2010
		IIA3: Review the zip code data and make priority recommendations	Present recommendations to LPC, BOS, SCOE, and CDD/CDE about	LPC minutes will reflect zip code priority recommendations, letter to BOS indicating zip code priorities	LPC Chairperson LPC Coordinator	Children's Network	April 2010 May 2011
		IIA4: Update map of available child care providers in Solano County	Updated map will be used as a resource at presentations, as well as incorporated into the Child Care Needs Assessment	LPC minutes will reflect presentation of updated map, presentation agendas will include updated map	Constructing Connections Coordinator LPC Resource & Referral Manager	Children's Network Solano Family & Children Services	March 2010

		<p>IIA5: Utilize “Facilities Financing and Development Resource Guide” with prospective providers to assist in child care center development.</p>	<p>Guides will provide technical assistance to those interested in developing child care centers</p>	<p>Children’s Network website will have a link to completed guide</p>	<p>Constructing Connections Coordinator</p>	<p>Children’s Network</p>	<p>April 2010</p>
		<p>IIA6. Facilitate collaborative meetings with CDD Contractors to organize a temporary transfer system.</p>	<p>There will be a reduction in the under utilization of CDD funding available</p>	<p>Agenda of collaborative meetings</p>	<p>LPC Coordinator</p>	<p>Children’s Network</p>	<p>October 2009 March 2010</p>

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	IIB: Support policies, regulations and activities that further the development of child care facilities	IIB1: Integrate child care language into the County and City general plans	Child care language will be increasingly included in County and City general plans	LPC minutes will reflect a report on child care language in county/city plans	Constructing Connections Coordinator	Children's Network	May 2010
		IIB.2 Initiate and/or support efforts to increase and improve existing and prospective child care center owners' and directors' access to capital.	Existing and prospective child care center owners and directors will have better access to loans in order to improve, expand or develop child care centers.	A report on progress made with banks and lending institutions that reflect improved access to capital.	Constructing Connections Coordinator	Children's Network	June 2011

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<b>III. Improve the affordability of child care and development services in Solano County</b>	III. Advocate for a reduction in policy barriers to increase the number of families served by subsidized child care.	III1. Work with policymakers, statewide organizations, and others to ensure disbursement of CDD funds according to law.	Legislative visits will be made to discuss CDD funding disbursements.	LPC minutes will reflect an update on legislative visits regarding equitable disbursements.	LPC Coordinator LPC Sub Committee CN Exe. Director	Children's Network	February 2010
		III2. Inform qualified child care providers through emails, direct mail, newsletters and workshops of all notifications of available funds and support applications.	Child care providers are informed of available funding opportunities.	Copies of emails, newsletters, and mailings regarding funding notification will be kept on file	LPC Coordinator	Children's Network	February 2010
		III3. Work with CDD to organize Technical Assistance Workshops and Trainings on completing CDD applications and maintaining CDD contract compliance (see IA3).	Improve the capacity to successfully apply for and retain CDD contract funding.	Agenda of trainings	SCCPDP Coordinator LPC Coordinator	Children's Network, CDD/CDE	August 2010
		III4. Organize at least annual legislative visits to child care facilities to educate policy makers about barriers to accessing subsidized care	Legislative visits will take place at child care facilities.	Agenda of visits	LPC Coordinator LPC Sub Committee	Children's Network	January 2010 December 2010
		III5. Send Freedom of Information request to CDD to obtain information on CDD Statewide funding	Information on CDD funding levels statewide will be obtained.	Copy of documents providing CDD Statewide funding	LPC Coordinator	Children's Network	April 2010
		III6. Update and analyze information regarding CDD funding inequities statewide	Information is available to demonstrate inequities to decision makers.	Copy of analysis of CDD funding will be kept on file.	LPC	Children's Network	May 2010
		III7. Advocate for equitable distributions	CDD funding will be administered more equitably	Report on advocacy	LPC	Children's Network	January 2011

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<b>GOAL IV: Build community awareness of the importance of quality, accessible, and affordable child care in Solano County</b>	IV. Coordinate activities with network partners to increase community awareness.	IV1: Participate in events within the business community.	Attend events within business community to increase support for child care.	<i>LPC minutes will reflect report on events.</i>	Constructing Connections Coordinator	Children's Network	March 2010 through September 2010
		IV2: Continue to distribute and/or post informational materials about child care in libraries, agencies and other organizations.	An average of 4 separate postings will be distributed each fiscal year.	<i>Copies of distributed information will be kept on file.</i>	LPC Members	Children's Network Solano Family & Children Services	April 2011
		IV3: Issue articles in Solano Family and Children's Services' newsletter on quality, accessibility, and affordability of child care in Solano County.	In 2009-2010, 2 articles will be published. In 2010-2011, 4 articles will be published. In 2011-2012, 6 articles will be published.	<i>Copies of articles will be kept on file.</i>	Resource and Referral Manager	Children's Network Solano Family & Children Services	April 2011
		IV4. Continue to issue informational press releases	Issue at least 2 press releases per year.	<i>Copies of press releases will be kept on file.</i>	LPC Executive Committee LPC Coordinator	Children's Network	April 2011
		IV5. Issue articles in the Children's Network newsletter	At least one article will be issued in each Children's Network newsletter.	<i>Copies of newsletter kept of file and posted to Childnet website.</i>	CN Exe. Assistant LPC Coordinator	Children's Network	April 2010 October 2010

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<b>V. Strengthen and further develop the Solano County Child Care Planning Council</b>	VA. Foster partnerships with interested parties designed to meet local child care needs.	VA1: Identify new or needed members for Planning Council, i.e. consumers; private, for profit, military, business sector, etc.	Increase total LPC membership to: 2009- 12 members 2010- 14 members 2011- 16 members 2012- 18 members	LPC roster will reflect new members	LPC Members LPC Coordinator	Children's Network	January 2010 April 2010 June 2010 September 2010
		VA2: Participate in other stakeholders' events and meetings	Add two new partners to LPC	LPC roster will reflect new partnerships	LPC Members LPC Coordinator	Children's Network	
	VB. Develop and implement a comprehensive county-wide strategic plan for child care in Solano County	VB1: Complete timetable for reviews and revision  VB2: Conduct quarterly updates of goals from Strategic Plan workgroups  VB3: Host LPC board trainings –Brown Act, Roberts Rules of Order, etc.	Develop a realistic timeline for completing Strategic Plan.  Strategic Plan will remain updated and relevant.  LPC will be informed of council's rules and regulations.	LPC minutes will reflect completed timetable  LPC minutes will reflect quarterly updates for Strategic Plan.  Agenda and attendance sheets from trainings	LPC Executive Committee LPC Coordinator  LPC Executive Committee LPC Coordinator  LPC Executive Committee LPC Coordinator CN Executive Assistant	Children's Network  Children's Network  Children's Network	April 2010  April 2010 September 2010 January 2011  March 2010