



CHILD CARE PLANNING & ADVISORY COUNCIL

Legislation & Public Policy | Nov 6, 2024 | 9:30 - 10:30am

MEETING NOTES

Welcome and Updates (Election, SFUSD, DCYF)

- Final ballots are being counted in SF. Appears Lurie and Breed are two top candidates for Mayor. Lurie sits on board of Mimi & Peter Haas fund – generous funders for ECE. And Tipping Point also funds ECE.
- It appears that outcomes for Props D and E are likely to go according to how the ECE community advocated.

Policy Retreat Update (Ryan Hazelton)

- The policy retreat will be in January 2025.

Safe Passage in the TL (Compass, Glide, Cross Cultural Center, and Wu Yee)

- Tenderloin has most dense population of children in SF.
- Naeemah from Glide – Overview: Tenderloin child care providers met monthly to discuss needs. Identified 6 priorities for TL children, families, educators. Some families don't want their children to go to parks/open spaces in the TL (for safety reasons); and child care providers don't feel safe getting to the TL themselves or escorting children to parks in the TL. Kids don't have access to outdoor and green spaces.
- Hope from Compass – positive experience with Safe Passage. Compass serves 70 families that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Heather from Cross Cultural- they had to shut down a contract with I/T site; couldn't maintain enrollment and staff – they didn't feel safe. Have to hire staff at a higher rate, which may not be feasible long term. Can't ask staff to be in unsafe positions. Advocate for children to be seen in the community and taken care of. Put resources together for the long-term.
- Veronica from Wu Yee- important to get buy-in. Families walking to and from school – streets need to be cleaned up more. Wu Yee doesn't have a park to take their kids. Access to mental health resources for children and staff. Direct mental health response after a violent incident is an unmet need for our staff.
- Sandy from Wu Yee- a zoom bus picks them up once a week to take them 4 blocks to a park. Costs \$500/week.

Barriers to success and improving the situation:

- Lack of coordination. Orgs that provide ambassador, safe services but they are not coordinated.
- TL has so many issues, child care hasn't risen to the top of the list.
- There used to be a "golden brick road" in TL. Burden of finding a solution lands on the centers/agencies who are busy trying to find and retain teachers.
- Children aren't seen as part of the TL community.
- Community risk factors – ACES—are in the background, not out front.
- Get rid of problems in humane way so we are not just getting rid of one group to help another group.

Discussion/Solutions: what are ways Leg/PP committee may help?

- CPAC sign on for policy. Joint advocacy. Listen to TL providers- what are the top 2-3 priorities?
- Clean streets for children/families to walk to school. Not safe right now with encampments and human waste.
- Neighborhood groups – safety of children is already priority. But it isn't happening.
- Do child care centers have "safe zones" around them like elementary schools? No, there are not the same laws and expectations. In TL they have been talking about "Children's Zones" to maintain standards.
- Conversations help to highlight issues to BOS and WOYC. CPAC support would be essential to future advocacy.
- New Mayor and some BOS – opportunity to plant seeds. Proximity of TL to City Hall. Tourists, hostels, hotels are in the TL. Kids exist in this space. They live here and should have access to SF community resources.
- CPAC – finding teachers to work there. And the safety, cleanliness of the physical neighborhood. Safe passages for employees and kids/families.
- Accountability – once the ask is out there, CPAC to help with accountability for longevity.

Closing and Next Steps

Adjournment

Next Legislation & Public Policy Meeting: Wednesday, Dec 4, 2024; 9:30- 10:30am