



CHILD CARE PLANNING & ADVISORY COUNCIL

Legislation & Public Policy | Sept 3, 2025 | 9:30 - 10:30am

MEETING NOTES

Welcome and Updates

- Members discussed the plan to build the 2026 CPAC Policy Platform collaboratively over the coming months, gathering comments through workgroup meetings and on Google Docs, with approval targeted at the December CPAC meeting.
- Members are encouraged to continue adding comments and data directly in the living draft so refinements are captured as we go.

Review & discuss [draft 2026 CPAC Policy Platform](#) (Liz Winograd, Ryan Hazelton)

- Transparency & Baby Prop C ('Baby C'): Emphasis on transparency in revenue/expenditure data and aligning Baby C investments to move ECE forward.
- Family Access & Eligibility (200% AMI): Support for expanding family eligibility to 200% AMI; include/link a clear AMI table.
- Cross-Agency Coordination: Support for aligning ECE, K–12, youth, and family supports, with shared outcomes and data systems.
- Mixed Delivery & Flexible Care: Members lifted needs for substitute pools, respite/occasional care, non-traditional hours, and diverse settings.

Next Steps: Keep Transparency as Item #1, 200% AMI as Item #2, continue Cross-Agency Coordination, add flexible/mixed-delivery options.

Update Workgroup Goals for 2025-2026 (Ryan Hazelton, Liz Winograd)

2024-25 Workgroup Goals

Reflection on 2024–2025 Goals:

1. Enhance CPAC influence via high-profile engagements — Accomplished with visibility gains through Policy Forum and other events.
 2. Transparency & accountability in Baby C spending — Progress made, continued work needed.
 3. Improve access/resources for children with special needs — Least progress; plan for task force.
 4. Collaborate with UPK committee — Ongoing.
- Carry-forward & 2025–26 Goals: Continue Baby C work, advance 200% AMI, explore flexible care solutions, expand partnerships.

Draft 2025-26 Goals

Federal, State and Local Legislative Updates (Dr. Ericka Omena Erickson)

ACTION: Discuss and vote to make a committee recommendation that CPAC move forward with a letter in opposition to AB 564.

Article for context: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-08-24/cannabis-tax-cut-losses-for-child-care-funding>

Slide deck

Highlights:

- CCPU tentative agreement updates (COLA, health benefits, training).
- State Select Committee on Child Care Costs Aug. 20 meeting.
- Head Start 2026 Funding Decision

Action Item: Discussion and straw vote on AB 564 (cannabis excise tax). Vote did not reach majority; no formal recommendation advanced.

5) Adjournment

Next steps/reminders:

- Continue commenting on Policy Platform draft.
- Prepare input for CPAC Sept 8 retreat.
- Bring back data/resources on AMI table, CCPU center impacts, and rate reform timeline (Ericka/Liz)

Adjournment

Next Legislation & Public Policy Meeting: Wednesday, Oct 1, 2025; 9:30- 10:30am