

CHILD CARE PLANNING & ADVISORY COUNCIL

Legislation & Public Policy | October 1, 2025 | 9:30 - 10:30am

MEETING NOTES

Welcome and Updates

 Meeting opened with agenda review and reminder: draft CPAC 2026 Policy Platform will go to CPAC for approval in December.

Review & Discussion: Draft 2026 CPAC Policy Platform <u>Draft policy platform</u>

Item #5 - Universal Pre-K (UPK) Mixed Delivery System

- Goals: center mixed delivery providers, ensure SFUSD/DEC sustained investment, uplift educator and parent voices.
- Noted: UPK Workgroup has a detailed theory of change and equity action plan; suggested platform linkages to that work.
- Recommendation:
 - o Add overarching statement clarifying CPAC's platform is a "working document."
 - Affirm CPAC's support for work groups' evolving goals while maintaining its own policy direction.

Item #6 – Family Resource Centers (FRCs)

- Goals: increase funding, reverse cuts, expand educational/respite care options.
- Discussion points:
 - Recognition gap: FRCs already provide educational opportunities (playgroups, classes) but are not widely acknowledged as part of the ECE system.
 - Proposal to explicitly add "playgroups" to language and enhance public awareness/communication.
 - Agreement to frame as both acknowledgment of existing value and expansion of opportunities

Item #7 – Elevating ECE and OST Workforce

- Goals: increase compensation/benefits, support parity with TK–12, expand workforce development.
- Discussion points:
 - Need for substitute support pool for providers, though licensing restrictions remain a barrier.
 - Call to explicitly include FRC staff, who are often excluded from cost-of-doingbusiness increases.
 - Suggestion to consolidate bullets into one stronger statement covering early educators, OST, and child-serving professionals (ages 0–12)

Additional Discussion – Family Access to Care (Platform Item #2)

- Concern that waitlists persist despite expansion to 200% AMI.
- Key issues: lack of ELFA provider slots, family preferences not aligning with available placements.
- Recommendation to add bullet about expanding ELFA providers and streamlining enrollment

Confirm Workgroup Goals for 2025–2026 Goals spreadsheet

Goal #1 - Enhance CPAC's Influence through High-Profile Engagements

- Organize high-profile engagements (e.g., district-level candidate forums, annual forum w/ Mayor, policy events).
- Target: 75%+ participation from key officials, business leaders, and advocates.
- Equity: ensure 30%+ representation from diverse communities (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, underrepresented neighborhoods).

Goal #2 - Ensure Transparency and Accountability in Proposition C Spending

- Request DEC to present comprehensive Prop C spending plan and track implementation.
- Hold quarterly reviews of Prop C budget reports.
- Equity: monitor and report on equity outcomes for historically underserved communities.

Goal #3 – Improve Access and Resources for Children with Special Needs

- Collaborate with agencies and advocates to strengthen inclusion in childcare.
- Target: increase DEC budget allocations to special needs programs (ages 0–5) by 10%.
- Equity: prioritize providers in low-income neighborhoods and include equity metrics.

Goal #4 - Collaborate with UPK Committee to Advance Implementation in SF

- Partner with SFUSD, DEC, Mayor's Office, and others to support UPK rollout.
- Target: convene at least 3 cross-department meetings with the UPK Committee.
- Equity: evaluate UPK's impact to ensure changes do not undermine progress in the 0–5 ECE space.

Discussion Highlight

 We should advance our work on special needs. Integrate the work of the Task Force on Special Needs co-lead by Cheryl Horney and Dr. Yohana Quiroz.

Federal, State, and Local Legislative Updates Slide Deck

Federal

- Possible government shutdown impacts:
 - Child Care Development Block Grant stable.
 - Head Start may see disruptions for ~6,500 children.
 - o SNAP continues; WIC may run out of funds within days if prolonged.

State

- CCPU contract ratified: includes COLA + stabilization payments through 2028.
- AB-564 Cannabis tax repeal signed: reduces potential revenue for child care
- Pending Governor's signature:
 - o AB 752 Child care/housing co-location bill.
 - o AB 753 Adjustments to teacher requirements (workforce shortage).
 - o SB 792 Alignment of CalWORKs Stage 3 thresholds with other stages.

Other

- Immigration bills AB 49 & SB 98 passed: restrict ICE access at school sites; indirect effect on childcare programs.
- Need for educational outreach to providers/families on implications.
- Possible (unconfirmed) First 5 funding for these immigration bills.

Adjournment

Next Legislation & Public Policy Meeting: Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 - 9:30- 10:30am