Children's Alliance

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AGENDA Solano Children's Alliance Meeting September 6, 2017

12:00pm-2:00pm

Please Note: Brandman University

4820 Business Center Drive, Ste.100 Fairfield CA 94533

Top Four priority areas: Child and Youth Safety, Quality Early Care and Education, Homeless Youth and Mental and Behavioral Health`

Aaron Crutison Juan Cisneros	I.	Introductions, Public Comment	12:00
Candy Pierce Gloria Diaz Pamela Dixon	II.	Approval of August Agenda (Action Item)	12:05
Lisette Estrella- Henderson	III.	Approval of August 2, 2017 minutes(Action Item)	12:10
Zoee Bartholomew Maurilio Leon Pam Posehn Tyffany Wanberg Adrienne Carson `tacey Burke Jharon Henry Maria Vicondoa Jane Johnson JoLyn McMillan Guadalupe Lopez Monica Brown	IV.	 Special Presentation: Jerry Huber – Director of County Health and Social Services Health Care Update County Legislative Platform 	12:15
	V.	 Alliance President Report: Welcome Membership Update Executive Committee Report Resilience Launch 	1:00
	VI.	 Alliance Staff Report CAPC Update Legislative Update- AB377 passed all Policy Committees in the Assembly and Senate, and now is in Senate Appropriations 	1:10
	VII.	CCC Exercise : Lisette Estrella-Henderson	1:20
	VIII.	Workgroups	1:30
	IX.	Adjournment	2:00

Next Alliance Meeting: October 4, 2017 Materials given to members less than 72 hours prior to a regular meeting can be obtained at 827 Missouri Street, Suite 5 Fairfield, CA 94533, or by contacting staff at 707-421-7229.

<u>Members</u>

Children's Alliance A partner of the Children's Network of Solano County	SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE General Meeting Minutes September 6, 2017 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Brandman University 4820 Business Center Drive, Ste 100 Fairfield, CA 94534	
IEMBERS PRESENT: IEMBERS NOT PRESEN UESTS ATTENDING: TAFF: IINUTES:	 Aaron Crutison, Adriene Chambers, Rachel Rico (for Pam Posehn), Candy Pierce, Lisette Nicola Parr, Stacy Burke, Juan Cisneros, Alaina Starr (for Toni Dumont), Kelly Dwyer (fo Lopez, Zoee Bartholomew T: Pamela Dixon, Sharon Henry, Maria Vicondoa, Jane Johnson, JoLyn McMillan, Gloria Dia Wanberg Lisa Hooks, Jerry Huber, Kathy Logo, Michalle Shain-Rodriguez, Kandy Piresburt, Gene I Susan Ferdinandi, Ericka Erickson Carla Medenilla 	r Monica Brown), Guadalupe az, Maurillio Leon, Tyffany
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm	
I. Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment	 Introductions Alan Kerzin announced a job opening for Youth Leadership Council Coordinator position at Children's Network. 	
II. Approval of (August Agenda) (Action Item)	A change was requested. Juan Cisneros suggested CCC Exercise be moved up before Alliance President Report. The August agenda was approved with this change.	Lisette Estrella-Henderson moved to approve the amended August agenda. Zoee Bartholomew seconded the motion. The motion carried and the August agenda was

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III. Approval of (August 2, 2017 Minutes) (Action Item)	The August minutes were approved as written.	Candy Pierce moved to approve the August minutes. Lisette Estrella- Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried and the August minutes was approved as written.
IV. Special Presentation: Jerry Huber, Director of County Health and Social Services	 Health Care Update Jerry talked about the latest information on Federal issues including Health Care. He also discussed the immediate budget impact to the County on statewide IHSS cuts. Since it is an entitlement program, other programs are taking cuts to absorb the IHSS dollars. He did discuss the importance of prevention programs and advocacy for children and their families. He indicated that seniors and people with disabilities, have a strong voice, but encouraged more advocacy for children. County Legislative Platform Based on Member's suggestion, Alan Kerzin will send out the 2017 Platform for review and highlight areas that the Alliance has weighed in on. He will get the document to the Executive Committee for discussion. 	
V. Alliance President Report	 Welcome Membership Update Alan Kerzin reached out to a PLTI Parent to fill the vacant position, Member at Large-Parents, Grandparents, Consumers. Juan will be reaching out to members whose terms are up soon to see if they want to be re-appointed including: Arron Crutison. Pamela Dixon, Pam Posehn, Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Sharon Henry, Maria Vicondoa, Tyffany Wangberg, and Gloria Diaz. Once the executive committee gets a response, they will notify First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission who will need to be put on the BOS Agenda for an upcoming meeting. Executive Committee Report Future meetings October – Meeting will focus on Homelessness: Impact on Children and Families. November – If you know of any possible future presentations, please let Alan Kerzin or Juan Cisneros know. Resilience Launch Juan Cisneros spoke about the upcoming screening of Resilience that will be held at the Kroc Center on Sept. 28th from 3-5pm. Erin Hannigan will be moderating the event, Lisette Estrella-Henderson and Dr. Shandi Fuller will be panel members. 	

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VI. Alliance Staff Report	 CAPC Update Susan gave the members a sample of the new California Mandated Reporter Booklet and Resilience Bookmarks that were developed by the Greater Bay Area CAPC Coalition, as part of the regional work being funded by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention's Innovative Partnerships Grant. Legislative Update AB377 passed the Senate Appropriations, next will be Governor's signing. Alan will keep Alliance members updated. 	
VII. CCC Exercise	• Lisette Estrella-Henderson summarized the discussion that initially occurred at the August meeting. Carla Medenilla wrote up the notes that went into the September meeting packet.	
VIII. Workgroups	• The CAPC and Advocacy and Legislation Workgroups met and discussed updating their FY 16-17 Priorities to FY 2017-18.	
IX. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm	

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Attachment B

Children's Alliance Membership Roster

Category of Membership	Member/Alternate	<u>Term Expires</u>
Solano County H&SS	Aaron Crutison Alternate: Debbie Powell	November 26, 2017
Solano County H&SS	Pamela Dixon Alternate: Nazlin Huerta	November 26, 2017
Solano County Juvenile Probation Department	Adrienne Carson Alternate: Lisa Wamble	March 3, 2019
Local Child Serving Public Agency	Pamela Posehn Alternate: Rachel Rico	November 26, 2017
Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court or Representative of Juvenile Justice Services	Candy Pierce Alternate: Cynthia Wojan	March 8, 2018
Solano County Superintendent of Schools Or Designee	Lisette Estrella-Henderson Alternate: Nicola Parr	November 26, 2017
Local School District or Designee	Stacy Burke Alternate: Cheryl Jones	March 3, 2019
Solano County District Attorney's Office	Sharon S. Henry Alternate: Angel Aguilar	October 6, 2017
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Jane Johnson Alternate: Sonja New	October 31,2018
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	JoLyn McMillan Alternate: Deena Lemley	October 31, 2018
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Maria Vicondoa Alternate: Andrea Vela	November 26, 2017
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Juan Cisneros Alternate: Debbie Peralez	September 9, 2018
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Toni Dumont Alternate: Alaina Starr	June 6, 2019
Member at Large - Parents, Grandparents and Consumers	Tyffany Wanberg	November 26, 2017
Member at Large – Parents, Grandparents and Consumers	VACANT	

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Member of the County Board of Supervisors or Designee

Monica Brown Alternate: Kelly Dwyer

Local Law Enforcement

Regional Center

Child Care R&R or Child Care Planning Council

Community Based Organization that ties to an Ethnic Community

Gloria Diaz November 26, 2017 Alternate: Ana Isabel Montano

Guadalupe Lopez September 9, 2018 Alternate: Rafael Hernandez-Perez

Zoee Bartholomew March 8, 2018 Alternate: Alternate: Kathy Lago

Maurilio Leon Alternate: Angie Lopez September 9, 2018

ALLIANCE WORKGROUP PRIORITIES FOR 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR

Work Group 1: Advocacy and Legislation:

SCA should continue to play an active role in legislative and budget issues and continue active involvement in advocacy and education.

Alliance Work Group Members: Ronda Kogler, Zoee Bartholomew, Pam Posehn, Rachel Rico, Amalia Chamorro, Juan Cisneros, and Alan Kerzin

Priorities to focus on for 2016-2017

- 1. Plan and Coordinate Fall Convening Meeting addressing gaps in services
- 2. Plan for 4th Annual Children, Youth, and Families Policy Forum (spring 2017)
- 3. Staff continue to attend BOS County Legislative Committee, along with interested Alliance Members
- 4. Add K-12 Education, and Youth Employment to Priority Bills
- 5. Prioritize State Budget Issues to be followed by the Alliance
- 6. Consider recommending a legislative initiative to local legislators
- 7. Provide local and state budget advocacy to Board of Supervisors and State Legislature
- 8. Schedule meetings with local legislators, including City officials after the Policy Forum to share results, and next steps
- 9. Promote and Advocate for the Solano fund for Children that will bring in sustainable dollars for prevention services in Solano County

Work Group 4: CAPC Activities

Alliance Work Group Members and CN Staff: Gloria Diaz, Pam Dixon,

Susan Ferdinandi, Debbie Powell, Aaron Crutison, Adrienne Carson, Maria Vicondoa, Candy Pierce, Guadalupe Lopez

Priorities to Focus on for 2016/2017

- 1. There continues to be a need for in person Mandated Reporter Trainings. Everyone in the group, who was present, agreed with this.
- 2. Provide one training for trainers, with the idea that those trained could provide a minimum of one training within the fiscal year.
- 3. There was discussion that those who are trained would be part of the "Speakers Bureau", and that the number of trainings provided and the number of individuals trained would be documented.
- 4. Increase Coordination of CAPC activities to include more agencies countywide: broader distribution of CAPC information. Greater visibility on websites.
- 5. Identify and assemble information to share with the community.
- 6. We did not have time to discuss the specific activities that align with HMG/Solano Kids Thrive workgroups. However, putting together a comprehensive list of agencies and other service providers whose primary focus is Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment, that could be shared in a variety of ways is well within the scope of the Alliance/CAPC workgroup and contract.

CCC Exercise – Lisette Estrella-Henderson 8/2/2017

Why does your organization exist?

- 1. Monitor and support policy legislation and development.
- 2. Improve health and welfare of children in our community.
- 3. Finding means of collaboration.
- 4. Pool together resources; i.e. areas in which we are lacking.
- 5. Collaborate with subject matter experts- direct service knowledge.
- 6. Show a united front; group of individuals interested in the well-being of children and families.
- 7. Official CAPC body.
- 8. Spend time looking at how to allocate resources.
- 9. Multidisciplinary approach to raising awareness to what we each do community awareness to what we all do.
- 10. Strong commitment collective/ together understand importance of the work for young children.
- 11. Coordinate services find and address gaps in services.
- 12. Support each other's work.

Who do you serve?

- 1. Children
- 2. Families
- 3. People with developmental disabilities
- 4. BOS voice for the children in our community
- 5. Serve and respect our organizations
- 6. Solano County the people of our community
- 7. Specific sub groups of vulnerable populations
- 8. State compliance
- 9. Legislature
- 10. Each other

What do we want for the ones we serve?

- 1. Quality services and support; affordable for youth and families
- 2. Health families and children, physical, mental, abuse & neglect-free
- 3. Healthy communities
- 4. Informed community members what resources are available
- 5. Create a healthy, safe, and kind future for the whole county
- 6. Empowered families
- 7. Easily accessible services
- 8. Child abuse-free families

- 9. Violence-free communities
- 10. Families that recognize how to break the cycle of ____
- 11. Policy-makers to make our children/families a priority

What do you do about it?

- 1. Continue to help put forward bills that will be beneficial to children in Solano County.
- 2. Continue in our outreach, e.g. forums, etc.
- 3. Find long-term sustainable funding.
- 4. Map resources to prevent duplication of services focused areas of need.
- 5. Prevention campaigns reach a broad spectrum; put \$\$ behind them.
- 6. Be the champion for advocacy's- system change efforts.
- 7. Report to the BOS locally, policy-makers, businesses, accountability.
- 8. Get more community buy-in/participation.
- 9. Create more public awareness a lot of resources that no one ever knows exist; good things that are happening.
- 10. Create public incentive to vote for _____.
- 11. Create tangible data points that policy-makers can get behind, e.g. cost-benefit analysis.
- 12. Early identification of children with disabilities; provide families/parents with resources of support for mental health, physical, etc...

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT



Youth Leadership Council Coordinator

at Children's Network of Solano County in Fairfield, CA

This is a permanent, full time 40 hour per week position with excellent benefits and a competitive salary.

Job Description: Under the supervision of the Children's Network's Executive Director, the Youth Leadership Council Coordinator will staff the Youth Leadership Council and support efforts to develop a county wide Youth Policy Platform.

Specific duties of the Coordinator include:

- Recruit and assist with the selection of up to 15 at-risk youth (ages 14-21) in Solano County to join the Youth Leadership Council.
 - Perform specific outreach efforts to recruit youth council members via partnering agencies and groups that work with "at-risk" youth in Solano County including but not limited to: Department of Health and Social Services; County Office of Education; Juvenile Probation, CASA, Vacaville Reach Coalition, Fighting Back Partnership in Vallejo, First Place for Youth, Solano Community College and PAL.
 - Perform direct outreach efforts to youth leaders throughout the County.
- Develop marketing materials for the project and its events and activities.
- Develop and/or maintain the Youth Leadership Council's online presence, including website, social media and email outreach.
- Assist the Youth Leadership Council in scheduling bi-monthly meetings and with logistics including transportation, speakers, taking minutes, copying and distributing materials, etc.
- Assist Council members with outreach to local communities to gather input on the development of a Youth Policy Platform.
- Assist Council members with presenting the Youth Policy Platform to community groups, public officials, legislators, at the Annual Policy Forum and other venues as needed, and with distribution of the Platform to local, state, and federal office holders.

Required Qualifications Include:

- Higher education in a human services field; Bachelor's Degree preferred
- A minimum of 2 years of experience working with youth, preferably at-risk youth
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and take initiative



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- Excellent computer skills with experience in website editing, maintaining email lists and using social media to further our reach
- Ability to conduct research and develop concise written reports
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to fit in well with a small non-profit staff, and work well with others
- Interest and experience with policy advocacy

Application Process:

Submit resume, cover letter, and two letters of reference, by no later than September 15th to:

Alan Kerzin Executive Director Children's Network of Solano County 827 Missouri Street, Suite 5 Fairfield, Ca. 94533

Applications may also be submitted via email at akerzin@childnet.org or by faxing application materials to 707-421-6495

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Film Screening and Q&A Session Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:00pm-5:00pm

Kroc Community Center 586 East Wigeon Way Suisun City, CA 94585 Moderator: Erin Hannigan Solano County Board of Supervisors

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Panelists: Lisette Estrella-Henderson Solano County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Shandi Fuller Solano County Family Health Services

Toxic stress can trigger hormones that wreak havoc on the brains and bodies of children, putting them at a greater risk for disease, homelessness, prison time, and early death.

Resilience chronicles trailblazers in pediatrics, education, and social welfare who are using cutting-edge science and field-tested therapies to protect children from the insidious effects of toxic stress.

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Bill/Author/Issue	Bill Summary	Alignment with 2017 BOS Legislative Priorities	Alignment with 2014 Solano Children's Report Card	Bill Status
1. AB 273 (Aguiar-Cur Child Care Services: Eligibility	To be eligible for state subsidized child care, families are required to meet eligibility requirements for income and need. AB 273 clarifies English as a Second Language (ESI and High School Equivalency (HSE programs as acceptable type of training courses for families to qualify for child care eligibility under California Department of Education programs.	 2. Support legislation and budget efforts that support children, youth, and families, including restoring and 	 I. Invest in safety-net programs to help reverse the increase in the number of children living in poverty. K. Support additional resources that need to be identified and secured for comprehensive high-quality early education; family support programs; youth tutoring, mentoring and recreational opportunities; and food and nutrition programs. L. Invest in programs that assure all children are receiving the food, shelter, and early educational opportunities they need to grow to be happy, healthy, and productive members of our community. 	9/5/17, Senate Floor

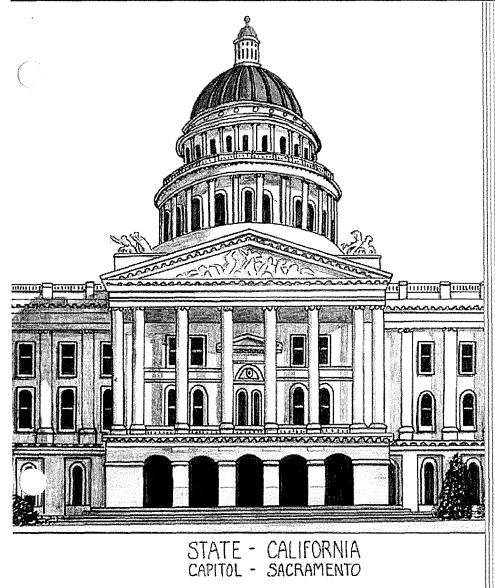
2.	AB 377 (Frazier and Fletcher) Childcare Subsidies in San Diego and Solano Counties	This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2023, the Counties of San Diego and Solano to implement individualized county child care subsidy plans. These pilot projects must be approved by local planning council and board of supervisors, Early Education and Support Division of the CA Department of Education, and submit annual reports to the Legislature and CA Departments of Social Services and Education.	Children, Youth, and Families 2. Support legislation and budget efforts that support children, youth, and families, including restoring and expanding quality child care and preschool opportunities, increasing funding for homeless youth, promoting safety for all children, and supporting mental and developmental health prevention and early intervention activities. Advocate for dedicated funding streams for child abuse and youth violence prevention efforts.	B. Advocate for restoration of funding and expansion for early intervention and developmental services for infants and children, child care and pre-school funding.	9/5/17, Senate Floor
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3.	AB 643 (Frazier) Pupil Instruction: Abusive Relationships	Existing law, CA Healthy Youth Act, requires school districts to ensure that all pupils in grades 7-12, receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education. Under this act, instruction includes information about adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence, including the early warning signs thereof. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this acts contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made.	Children, Youth, and Families 2. Support legislation and budget efforts that support children, youth, and families, including restoring and expanding quality child care and preschool opportunities, increasing funding for homeless youth, promoting safety for all children, and supporting mental and developmental health prevention and early intervention activities. Advocate for dedicated funding streams for child abuse and youth violence prevention efforts.	D. Support efforts to improve and promote children's safety.	9/5/17. Passed Assembly, in Senate.
4.	SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act	Bill would impose a \$75 fee on real estate documents, not to exceed 3 fees (\$225) per each single transaction per single property, to be sent quarterly to a Building Homes and jobs Fund, created by this bill, in the State Treasury. For moneys collected between January 1 st , 2018 and December 31 st , 2018, 50% of the money be made available to local	Housing, Community & Economic Development & Workforce Development 2. Support housing opportunities for low-income individuals and families such as permanent and transitional housing, and Rental Assistance Programs.	 I. Invest in safety-net programs to help reverse the increase in the number of children living in poverty. L. Invest in programs that assure all children are receiving the food, shelter, and early educational opportunities they need to grow to be happy, 	9/5/17. Passed Senate, in Assembly



2017

STATE Legislative Program and Policy Guidelines



As approved by the Solano County Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2017

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PRIORITY ISSUES

The ability of Solano County to serve its residents and provide for a thriving and sustainable community requires support from all levels of government. The State of California's (State) actions and ongoing fiscal uncertainties continue to threaten the County's ability to provide vital services to the public. In order to fulfill the County's commitment to the community, State resources should be sought to support the County's mission to enrich the quality of life in the County. To this end, the County Board of Supervisors supports the priorities and the legislative principles set forth below.

Priority issues are those that have a significant impact on County business and on which County staff, including the County's State legislative advocates, will concentrate their legislative efforts during the 2017 Legislative Session. The County's top priorities (Listed Alphabetically) include:

- <u>Affordable Care Implementation</u> Support healthcare policy implementation efforts that do not have an adverse financial impact to the County. Examples of impacts may include unfunded or under-funded mandates, or reallocation of existing County funding that result in an increased General Fund obligation. Support ongoing and new efforts related to increasing the number of insured persons and to providing and expanding primary care services and public health prevention services and activities.
- 2. <u>Children, Youth, and Families</u> Support legislation and budget efforts that support children, youth, and families, including restoring and expanding quality child care and preschool opportunities, increasing funding for homeless youth, promoting safety for all children, and supporting mental and developmental health prevention and early intervention activities. Advocate for dedicated funding streams for child abuse and youth violence prevention efforts. Collaborate with state regional offices, schools and health care systems to expand resources for parents with special needs children.
- 3. <u>County Revenue Sources</u> Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate, seize, divert, supplant or otherwise restrict local autonomy of local revenues. Oppose any efforts at the state level to eliminate or redirect revenues currently dedicated to local government for state purposes to other agencies and/or districts. Advocate for timely, full state funding for state programs operated by the County, which include appropriate cost of living increases, as well as costs associated with increases in population and caseload growth.
- 4. <u>County Strategic Plan</u> Support efforts that further the goals outlined in the County's Strategic Plan as follows: (a) improve the health and well-being of those who live and work here; (b) ensure responsible and sustainable land use; (c) maintain a safe community; and (d) invest in and for the future.
- 5. <u>Environmental and Open Space</u> Encourage and seek legislation that protects the County's quality of life, its diverse natural resources, and preserves the essence and history of the County. Support funding and regulatory efforts to preserve open space and agricultural viability.
- 6. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh Support legislative and administrative efforts to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and County's interests relative to land use, agricultural viability, economic development, police or emergency response mandates, environmental preservation, flood protection, levee stability, habitat conservation, recreation, water supply, water quality, and water rights. Support governance structures that give local government a strong and equal voice with other stakeholders in setting Delta policy, and in project development and implementation.
- 7. <u>State Realignment & Cost-Shifts</u> Oppose proposals to restructure, realign, or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government, without commensurate compensation and a legislative ability for counties to draw down available federal funding. Support efforts to distribute public safety realignment funds using an equitable formula based on population. Support efforts to improve the stability of current

County revenue sources. Oppose any realignment initiatives, which fail to fully fund services shifted to the County.

 <u>Voting and Election Efficiencies</u> - Support efforts to modernize election administration to increase voter turnout, reduce the local cost of elections, reduce waiting time at polling places, increase convenience for voters, and improve voting opportunity for overseas and military voters.

Furthermore, the Solano Board of Supervisors adopts the following legislative principles (Listed Alphabetically by Policy Area):

Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Water

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the County's significant agricultural, water, and natural resources. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important state resource programs. Specific principles include:

- 1. Support funding via the regulatory authority of the Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer of Weights and Measures, and extend sunsets where applicable, including a cost share from the livestock industry for USDA Wildlife Services. Oppose allowing industry self-certification of devices.
- 2. Support legislation or rulemaking to allow growers to take feral hogs without a depredation permit or hunting license when the hogs are damaging crops or agricultural infrastructure.
- 3. Support funding for an alternate intake to the North Bay Aqueduct.
- 4. Support efforts to protect the County's Farm Gate, including, but not limited to, full mitigation of agricultural and other economic impacts associated with habitat restoration efforts.
- 5. Support efforts to maintain local control/involvement in allocation of water resources.
- 6. Support an increase in California General Fund allocations to High Risk Pest Exclusion programs.
- 7. Support legislation that would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to provide funding to state and local agencies for projects aimed at advancing the goals and objectives of the comprehensive conservation and management plan for the San Francisco estuary.
- 8. Support changes to the California Constitution to expand the exemption from the majority property owner 2/3rds electorate vote requirement to include stormwater, flood protection/drainage fees, and permit "lifeline rates" for water and stormwater projects to benefit low-income residents.

General Government

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the general welfare and quality of life of the County's residents. The County opposes unfunded State mandates and State actions that would preempt local decision-making authority. Specific principles include:

- 1. Support funding for new technology to increase accountability and efficiency of local governments.
- 2. Support funding formulas for the equitable distribution of state funds while opposing attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate County revenue sources.
- 3. Support funding (based on objective criteria) for the preservation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of historically and/or architecturally significant buildings and structures.
- 4. Support the ongoing recognition of PACE bonds as assessments.
- 5. Support cost recovery for the County regarding services provided to other governmental entities.
- 6. Support legislation that encourages mutually respectful relationships between tribal and local governments including reform to both fee-to-trust process and off-reservation gaming provisions that ensure local government is reimbursed for potential social impacts and/or infrastructure changes and/or upgrades.
- 7. Support legislation or regulatory reform that allows flexibility in the County's pension plan formula to ensure the County remains a competitive employer in the current market.
- 8. Support equitable tax sharing agreements for annexation, incorporation, and development projects.
- 9. Support budgetary efforts for outstanding Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) funding that is owed to the County and support legislative and budgetary efforts to reinstate ongoing future PILT funding.
- 10. Support funding and regulatory efforts to expand broadband services to all County residents.

Health and Human Services

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote the health and welfare of the County's most vulnerable residents. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important health and human services-related programs, such as Medi-Cal, and opposes efforts to reduce local flexibility in the implementation of such programs. Specific principles include:

- 1. Support changes relative to the client intake process and case maintenance process, to improve system performance and outcomes.
- 2. Support increased funding for prevention, intervention, and treatment services for youth and adults with substance abuse issues.
- 3. Support sufficient funding for local CalWORKS programs and support services.
- 4. Support enhanced funding for quality child care services (that also provide employment and education opportunities for County residents), and for early learning opportunities.
- 5. Support efforts that assist foster youth in the transition to self-sufficiency.
- 6. Support new or increased funding for mental health programs. Specifically support efforts to allow for flexibility for all appropriately licensed individuals to bill for provided mental health services.
- 7. Support legislative efforts to increase awareness and promote public health issues within the County. Support enhanced training to handle pandemic disease outbreaks. Support efforts to allow for flexibility for all appropriately licensed individuals to bill for provided health services.
- 8. Support legislative and budgetary efforts to reduce obesity in Solano County.
- 9. Support legislation to add e-cigarettes, menthol and smokeless tobacco products containing nicotine to the list of tobacco related products to be regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
- 10. Support legislative and budgetary efforts to improve protections and services to prevent physical, mental, and elder abuse and neglect. Support restorations for programs such as Ombudsman, Linkages, In-Home Supportive Services, Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers and Adult Day Health Care. Support efforts to improve and promote safety and aging in place initiatives for seniors. Support legislation that eliminates service gaps between the various systems supporting older and disabled adults.
- 11. Support independent living services for foster youth including housing and educational support.
- 12. Support grants and funding for programs to address homelessness and related issues. Work with cities and other community partners to assess and expand affordable housing for low income populations.
- 13. Support legislation that promotes prevention-focused policies and interventions.
- 14. Support full state funding and cost of living increases for state programs operated by the County.
- 15. Support legislation that increases the reliability of child support payments.
- 16. Support expansion of early intervention and developmental services for infants and children, child care and pre-school funding.
- 17. Support legislation that would require the state maximum State Supplementary Payment (SSP) grant for individuals to be readjusted and increased so that the state SSP and the federal Restore Social Security Income (SSI), when combined equal 112 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) supplements to previous levels adjusted for cost of living.
- 18. Support expansion and funding of Medi-Cal services to increase reimbursement to providers and to fund dental, vision and other services for older adults. Support additional state and federal funding related to the administration of the Medi-Cal program.
- 19. Support legislation and efforts to allow for billing two different services on the same day in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and for implementation of prospective payment systems based on a capitation model (per-member, per-month) rather than an encounter-based financing model. Support funding and programs that address issues of shortages within the health care workforce to assure access to quality healthcare.
- 20. Support legislation and efforts to regulate the distribution and sale of powdered alcohol.

- 21. Support legislation and efforts to promote and implement "whole person care" and to address social determinants of health. Support flexibility in the funding of Health and Social Services to assure collaboration between programs and better overall interventions.
- 22. Advocate for legislation and budget action that would support and enable data integration and sharing between the State, counties, and local government agencies for the purpose of supporting seamless delivery of critical health and safety services to the public.

Housing, Community and Economic Development, and Workforce Investment

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote local housing and community development programs and activities, workforce development programs, and programs aimed at encouraging local job and business growth. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for these critically important programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

- 1. Support Housing Element reform that provides a streamlined certification process for jurisdictions that have small housing allocation, limited urban services and city centered development policies.
- 2. Support housing opportunities for low-income individuals and families such as permanent and transitional housing, and Rental Assistance Programs.
- 3. Encourage and seek legislation to facilitate orderly economic expansion and growth, and increase the opportunity for discretionary revenues, programmatic and financial flexibility for the County.
- 4. Support the federal/State/local delivery system for workforce development programs with State-level initiatives that complement local delivery efforts and add value for these business-led efforts.
- 5. Support efforts to increase employment opportunities and link training programs to local available employment, including efforts to increase summer employment opportunities for youth.
- 6. Support appropriate resources to support safe, accessible and affordable housing to targeted low-income seniors.

Public Safety and Emergency Disaster Preparedness

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote funding for key justice, public safety, and emergency preparedness programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

- 1. Support continued and protected funding for all 2011 Public Safety Realignment programs.
- 2. Support actions to mitigate liabilities of longer-term inmates as a result of realignment in areas such as health, mental health, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other areas of concern; also efforts to mitigate the impacts of long-term confinement in county jails and redirects inmates with sentences in excess of three years to state prisons.
- 3. Preserve Title IVE funding and obtain fiscal support from the State to implement the requirements imposed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).
- 4. Support legislation that provides funding to comply with the additional financial burden of the Prison Rape Elimination Act.
- 5. Support maximizing reimbursement for inmate medical care from federal Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- 6. Protect funding for local public safety programs, including COPS, Juvenile Justice Programs, Cal-MMET, Rural Sheriffs, Booking Fees, Vertical Prosecution, and other critical programs.
- 7. Support efforts to secure appropriate funding for gang-related issues.
- 8. Support legislation that establishes a presumptive limit for driving under the influence of marijuana.
- 9. Support continued and protected funding for adult probation services.
- 10. Support a state offset to recover outstanding restitution ordered to the victims of crimes and other delinquent court ordered fines, penalty assessments, and fees associated with criminal or juvenile justice proceedings; specifically allow the collection term from 3 years to between 10 and 20 years.

- 11. Support increased funding for prevention, intervention, and victim services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, dating violence, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking.
- 12. Support funding for flood protection of buildings that play a role in local emergency response.
- 13. Support efforts to improve safety of hazardous materials transported by rail, including crude by rail and enhance capacity of local emergency responders to appropriately respond to potential emergency events resulting from derailment or releases.
- 14. Support legislation for the availability and affordability of earthquake and flood insurance.

Resource Management, Environmental Health, and Sustainability

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote the environmental health and sustainability of the County, including funding for key programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

- 1. Support legislation and administrative action that further the goals of the County's climate protection efforts, including the ability for a local agency to obtain greenhouse gas reduction credits.
- 2. Support funding to sustain operations, maintenance and repair of dated infrastructure in County and local park agencies. Support legislative efforts to keep State Parks open in the County.
- 3. Closely monitor updates to Stormwater rules that may have adverse effects on local communities.
- 4. Minimize proposed changes to Building Codes made by the legislative process. Focus code changes on established procedures through the Building Standards Commission.
- 5. Support repeal of the \$150 per building fee applicable to rural State Responsibility areas and/or return of some of fee revenues to local fire districts.
- 6. Oppose CalEMA's proposals to require local jurisdictions to purchase repetitive loss properties.
- 7. Support reinstatement of the Williamson Act program, which was defunded in FY2011/12.
- 8. Oppose legislation to diminish the County's ability to require mitigation of the conversion of agricultural lands, including mitigation to enhance existing agricultural lands.
- 9. Support sensible and meaningful CEQA reform that both streamlines processes and serves to reduce meaningless litigation, while maintaining strong analytic and mitigation requirements for large projects that clearly have significant environmental consequences at a regional or statewide level.
- 10. Support actions for a responsive, efficient, and effective County environmental health program.
- 11. Support any legislation that simplifies reporting for local environmental health programs to the state, including revisions to Chapter 6.95 to streamline hazardous materials program reporting.
- 12. Support allowing the County to locally determine how to achieve water conservation mandates.
- 13. Support legislation to improve access to healthy foods via community gardens, school gardens, etc.
- 14. Support actions to sustain and expand a countywide parks system.
- 15. Support legislation that fosters regional purchasing capabilities and inter-jurisdictional infrastructure development to achieve local environmental and sustainability goals/requirements. Support actions for source reduction, recycling and composting, including legislation and grants to support extended producer responsibility.

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Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the transportation needs of our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key transportation programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support legislation and budget actions which provide additional and continuing funding for local infrastructure, including local roads, bridges, and transit priorities, as well as continued funding of the California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) for capital projects. Ensure that existing transportation funding streams are retained. Seek to reverse the diversion of Off Highway vehicle funding.

- 2. Seek funding from the Cap and Trade measure to pay for road maintenance including green roads and other enhancements to the transportation network that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- 3. Support legislation for the establishment, extension, or increase of a special tax for the purpose of local transportation projects and lowers the threshold for voter approval to 55%.
- 4. Support efforts to improve rail and rail car safety, including positive train control (PTC) technologies, for transportation of hazardous materials including crude oil.
- 5. Encourage the replenishment of State funding of the Aeronautics Program for Capital Improvement Grant Funding through the California Transportation Commission (CTC); and restore State Aeronautics funding reliability for future project planning.
- 6. Support Funding and increased access to transportation for those who are low income and lack access to reliable transportation.

Veterans and Veterans Affairs

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the health and general welfare of veterans in our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key veterans' programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

- 1. Support efforts that provide enhanced benefits for veterans and active duty, reserve and National Guard members that are cost-neutral to counties, including expanded mental health services.
- 2. Support legislative, regulatory or policy changes that would create a federal/state/local government partnership to reduce the VA veteran's claims backlog and expand outreach services to veterans.
- 3. Support legislation and funding to improve existing and construct new local veteran's facilities.
- 4. Support state legislation to permit the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to collect data on incarcerated veterans and to give that data to the Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) for purposes of connecting those incarcerated veterans and their families with the benefits they are still entitled to while incarcerated, as well as upon release from incarceration.
- 5. Support legislation that would make it a criminal offense to intentionally misdirect or mislead a veteran, or anyone acting on the veterans behalf, concerning benefits or entitlements.
- 6. Support legislation that would establish priority enrollment and registration for veterans in community colleges, state colleges, and universities.
- 7. Support legislation that would provide state income tax relief to retirement pay of military retirees. Support making permanent the recent increase in funding to California Veteran Service Officers.

Other Agency Legislative Priorities

- 1. <u>Delta County Coalition</u> Support the principles developed collectively by the Delta Counties Coalition.
- 2. <u>Solano LAFCo</u> Support the 2017 legislative priorities and programs outlined and adopted by Solano LAFCo.
- 3. <u>Solano Transportation Authority</u> Support the 2017 legislative state priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by the Solano Transportation Authority.
- 4. <u>Travis Community Consortium</u> Support the mission of all military organizations located within the County. Support the 2017 state legislative priorities adopted by the Travis Community Consortium. Furthermore, encourage the State to adopt proactive measures regarding the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and convene an office at the State level to work with each community that has a military installation or defense contractors to protect California's interest with the decline in defense spending and the probable realignment of missions and closure of bases.
- 5. California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Support the 2017 legislative state priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by CSAC.



AB 273 – "Unlocking Opportunities for Families" – Subsidized Child Care Eligibility Criteria

SUMMARY

In order to be eligible for state subsidized child care, families are required to meet eligibility requirements for income and need.

AB 273 clarifies English as a Second Language (ESL) and High School Equivalency (HSE) classes as an acceptable type of training course for families to qualify for child care eligibility under programs funded by the California Department of Education.

BACKGROUND

California's Educational Code states that families who meet certain requirements are eligible for federal and state subsidized child development services, such as child care and preschool. The requirements to qualify are based on criteria including income and need of the family.

Under existing law, parents that meet income criteria and are engaged in vocational training courses leading directly to a trade or profession are eligible for state supported child care services. However, courses in English as a Second Language (ESL) and/or High School Equivalency Certificate (HSE) do not qualify as a type of vocational training under programs funded by the California Department of Education.

Parents that are taking classes to improve their English language proficiency or working to earn their HSE certificate are taking foundational steps needed to enter vocational training, but currently do not qualify for subsidized child care for their children.

Many families require state supported child care services in order to continue with their education and work towards a profession. Costly child care services may prove burdensome for lower income families, disproportionately impacting single mothers and women of color.

According to the California Budget & Policy Center, in 2015, the average single-mother could expect to spend over two-thirds of her income to cover the cost of child care.

EdSource, a policy and research nonprofit, reports that a lack of access to quality early learning experiences not only widens the achievement gap for children of color, but also contributes to the school-to-prison pipeline. Additionally, the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) reports that 29% of immigrants in California live in households where no one older than age 13 speaks English "very well." Among immigrants with less than high school diplomas, 67% speak English "not at all" or "not well."

It is well documented that individuals who are proficient in English have higher occupational mobility, with better job prospects and the opportunity to earn higher wages. Parents are also better prepared to support their children as they enter the K-12 system.

Allowing greater access to state child care services for those enrolled in ESL and HSE courses promises increased socioeconomic mobility for both parents and their children.

THIS BILL

AB 273 would add ESL and HSE educational programs to the list of eligibility criteria for state subsidized child development services under the California Educational Code.

This bill does not propose to add any additional slots into the child care system. It simply expands the criteria by which a family can qualify to apply.

This change will empower parents to increase their educational level by providing families with greater access to subsidized child care services. It is often challenging for families who are non-native English speakers to access medical services, educational support within school systems, and social services, despite laws that require interpretation. Investing in families as a whole helps reduce poverty and the associated effects on childhood development.

AB 273 would give low-income families greater access to subsidized childcare services by adding enrollment in English as a Second Language (ESL) and High School Equivalency (HSE) Certification Preparation courses to the existing eligibility requirements.

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SUPPORT

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OPPOSITION

None

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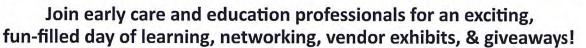


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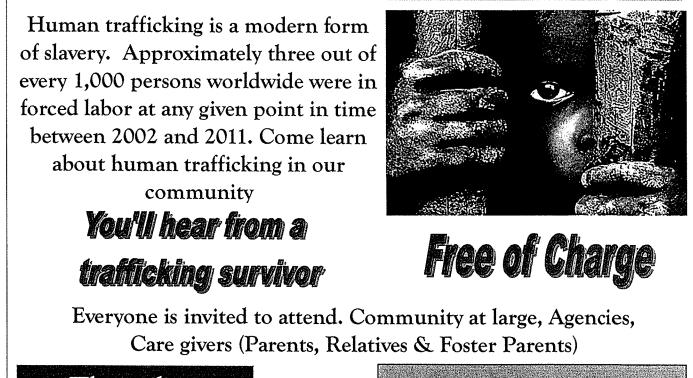
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