



## Fresno County Child Care & Development Local Planning Council (LPC)

### Mission Statement:

The Fresno County Child Care and Development Local Planning Council (LPC) is a forum which supports planning and action county-wide to promote a quality child care system that meets the needs of all children and families of Fresno County.

### Council Description:

The LPC was established in April 1998; half of the members are appointed by the Fresno Board of Supervisors and half by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. As appointees to the LPC, the positions are of advocacy and advising, with limited roles of oversight. The primary responsibilities of the LPC are to:

- Conduct an assessment of child care needs at least once every five years.
- Identify local funding priority areas for any new State and Federal funds available for preschool, infant, and school-age services.
- Submit the results of the needs assessment and the local priorities identified to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for approval before submitting them to the California Department of Education, Child Development Division (CDE/CDD).
- Prepare a comprehensive countywide child care plan designed to mobilize public and private resources to address identified needs.
- Collaborate with community groups to foster partnerships designed to meet local child care needs.
- Coordinate part-day programs, including state preschool and Head Start, with other child care and development services to provide full-day care.
- Design a system to consolidate local child care waiting lists.
- Collaborate with local First 5 Commission and other entities to carry out child care staff retention initiatives.

Local planning councils are required by law to have five membership categories: 1) Child Care Consumers, 2) Child Care Providers, 3) Public Agencies, 4) Community, 5) Discretionary.

### Council Member's Role and Responsibilities:

- To demonstrate a personal commitment and responsibility to improve child care in Fresno County.
- To serve a minimum term of 2 years.
- Represent the mission of the Council in committees and to the community.
- To understand and abide by the Bylaws of the LPC.
- To attend and participate in all regularly scheduled Council meetings.
- Attend Council workshops and functions if scheduled.
- To attend and participate in at least one standing or Ad Hoc committee of the Council.
- Be aware of persons who may be interested in working on the Council as a member or volunteer for a committee.
- Keep in contact with the Council office; notify us when you will have to miss a meeting.
- Notify the Council when you have a change of address, phone, email, employer or representation of another organization.

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