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Solano Child Care Planning Council Hosts Community Forum

Solano County, CA- Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) and the Solano Child Care Planning Council invites families, caregivers, child care providers, and the community to virtually attend the Child Care Community Forum, on Saturday, March 12, 2022, 10:00-11:30 AM via Zoom.

Presentations and a panel discussion will include Solano Family & Children's Services (childcare resource and referral services), Help Me Grow Solano, Solano Family Resource Centers, and Vallejo First 5 Center. A Better Way's training on mental health first aid will be offered and participants can llearn about local resources and organizations that provide support to children and families. The panel discussion will address the impacts, responses, and outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic for the child care system, providers, and the clients these organizations serve.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson remarked, "Every Solano family deserves access to high-quality resources and educational options for their children. This community forum can help parents and community members connect with the wide-ranging supports and programs available to Solano families."

The Solano Child Care Planning Council operates under the authority of the County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools. The council has the responsibility of planning and coordinating child care services in Solano County. The mission of the council is to provide leadership and advocacy for the development of high-quality, accessible, and affordable child care programs for every child and family in Solano County. Council members include parents who are currently using or have used child care services, community members, public agencies that represent child care, and child care providers.

The Saturday morning event will be held virtually, via Zoom. Register in advance at: https://bit.ly/3HF2RrE

For more information about the Solano Child Care Planning Council or the Community Forum please contact Bronwyn Kennedy, Solano Child Care Planning Council Coordinator, bkennedy@solanocoe.net.

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