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## **Solano Child Care Planning Council Seeks New Members**

**Solano County, CA**- The Solano County Child Care Planning Council is seeking new members who are interested in understanding the needs of the Solano County child care community and have a desire to help plan and implement beneficial strategies. Solano County Planning Council's mission 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.

The Solano County Child Care Planning Council supports the overall coordination of child care services in Solano County. Their most important goal is collaborating with community partners to developed plans that will support child care providers based on the needs of the families they serve. The council is made of up of a diverse group of members representing public agencies, community representatives, child care providers and consumers accessing child care services in Solano County.

"High-quality learning environments are critical and foundational for young children. Solano's Child Care Planning Council serves an important role in providing leadership and advocacy for every child and family in Solano County," commented Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Every five years Solano's Child Care Planning Council is responsible for assessing the countywide child care needs and creating and implementing comprehensive plans designed to identify public and private resources to address those needs. The assessment focuses on identifying local funding priorities for general child care, developmental and state preschool programs, as well as, fostering local partnerships with a variety of public and private organizations. By cultivating these partnerships, the council strives to optimize resources and staff needed to reduce and eliminate countywide child care shortages.

To view and complete a council membership application please visit <a href="www.solanocoe.net/childcarelpc">www.solanocoe.net/childcarelpc</a>.

For more information about the Solano County Child Care Planning Council or becoming a member, please contact Bronwyn Kennedy at 707-339-4452 or <a href="mailto:bkennedy@solano.net">bkennedy@solano.net</a>. Visit <a href="https://www.solanocoe.net/childcarelpc">www.solanocoe.net/childcarelpc</a> to view the general membership meeting schedule or to submit a public comment.

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