



El Dorado County Early Care and Education Planning Council

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The fifteen member El Dorado County Early Care and Education Planning Council (LPC), is appointed by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools. The mission of the El Dorado Early Care and Education Planning Council is to provide leadership and advocacy for development of quality, accessible, affordable early care and education services for children and families in El Dorado County. The Council is required to fulfill mandates as established by Education Code section 8499.5 including an assessment of child care needs in the county, a comprehensive strategic plan and submission of zip code priorities for subsidized care. The documents for Board of Supervisor consideration for approval include:

- 1) Updated Council Bylaws
- 2) Needs Assessment as required by the California Department of Education
- 3) Strategic Plan Framework 2018
- 4) 2018 Zip Code Priorities for Subsidized Care

Our 2017 Needs Assessment highlights specific county needs:

- 2,650 child care spaces are needed for children ages birth to three with working parents
- 357 subsidized infant care spaces are needed to support parents working
- 1,201 subsidized full time preschool spaces child care spaces are needed
- 2,367 subsidized care spaces for school age children are needed

Our Strategic Plan Framework focuses on improving the quality of early learning programs, building a sustainable early learning workforce and advocacy. This Strategic Plan builds upon our leveraged funding opportunities, community partnerships and needs assessment.

The final document is our 2018 Zip Code Priorities for subsidized care. This data is used by the California Department of Education for prioritizing locations of subsidized child care based on estimated eligible child population and current enrollment data. The LPC reviews this data, uses local information to inform the priority setting process, holds a public hearing and submits the priorities to the California Department of Education after Board of Supervisors approval.

We thank the Board for its review and approval of these documents and for its ongoing support of early care and education services in El Dorado County.

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