

Riverside County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council

In 1991, AB 2141 mandated that each of California's 58 counties establish a Local Child Care and Development Planning Council (LPC). The primary mission of the local LPC is to plan for child care and development services based on the needs of families. The State of California appointed the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the County Superintendent of Schools as the designated authorities to establish an LPC. The Consortium for Early Learning Services, a 501(c) 3, founded in 1982, was appointed as the LPC for Riverside County in 1992.

LPC's responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- **Conduct an assessment** of child care needs in the county no less than once every 5 years.
- **Prepare local countywide child care plans** designed to mobilize public and private resources to address identified needs.
- **Identify local funding priority areas** by zip codes for child care services for General Child Care and Development Programs, and the State Preschool Programs for state and federal funds.
- **Foster local partnerships** with subsidized and non-subsidized providers, human service agencies, local and state children and families commissions, county welfare departments, regional centers, local child care resource and referral programs, job training programs, employers, parent organizations, and other interested parties.
- **Collaborate** with the Riverside County Office of Education, First 5 Riverside and other entities to carry out Early Care and Education staff retention initiatives.

The LPC membership is comprised of 20% from each of the following categories and renewed annually:

- 1. **Consumers:** representatives of persons who receive, or have received child care services including parents, grandparents, foster parents, etc.
- 2. **Providers:** representatives of the range of child care providers in the county including centers, family child care homes, etc.
- 3. Public Agencies: representatives of city, county or local education agencies.
- 4. **Community:** representatives of agencies, or businesses that provide private funding for child care services or civic or community based organizations that advocate for child care services.
- 5. **Discretionary:** representatives who shall be appointed at the discretion of the
- 6. Board of Supervisors and/or the County Superintendent of Schools.

In accordance with the Brown Act, the intention to make appointments to the council and invite local organizations to participate will be publicized locally.