



# Agenda

- 1:30 Welcome & Our Goals**  
Ruth Fernández, First 5 Contra Costa
- 1:50 Why Engaging Matters**  
Contra Costa County Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District 2
- 1:55 Panel Discussion: Collaboration Makes A Difference**  
Moderator:  
Erika Janssen, Contra Costa Health  
  
Panelists:  
Wanda Davis, First 5 Contra Costa  
Kathy Marsh, Employment & Human Services Department  
Sefanit Mekuria, Contra Costa Health
- 2:35 Overview of Collaborative Projects & Expo**
- 3:45 Group Reflections**  
Ruth Fernández, First 5 Contra Costa
- 4:00 Affinity Group Break Out Sessions**
- 4:40 Appreciation**  
Contra Costa County Supervisors  
Ken Carlson, District 4  
John Gioia, Chair, District 1
- 4:50 Closing Remarks & Call to Action**  
Anna Roth, Contra Costa Health and  
Marla Stuart, Employment & Human Services Department
- 5:00 Event ends**



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## About Us:

# Contra Costa Children's Leadership Council

The Children's Leadership Council strives to serve as the 'Big Tent' for our children—a space for all child- and youth-serving organizations to connect and innovate solutions to local issues.

The Children's Leadership Council aims to intentionally develop and strengthen the ecosystem that recognizes and supports child, youth, family, and community resilience and wellbeing. The Council is led by First 5 Contra Costa, the Employment and Human Services Department, the Health Services Department, and the Contra Costa County Office of Education.

The Children's Leadership Council began in 2019. After several successful community convenings, the effort took a hiatus during the Covid pandemic. Given that the pandemic exacerbated many inequities facing our children and their families, the Children's Leadership Council is re-launching to facilitate systems and service providers working together around shared goals and strategies. Currently, First 5 Contra Costa is serving as the backbone organization coordinating the work of the Children's Leadership Council.



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