

Children's Leadership Council June 21, 2023 Convening Collaborative Project Descriptions

FIRST 5 CONTRA COSTA

Guaranteed Income for Child Care Teachers

Research shows that consistent, qualified early learning educators are a critical ingredient to children engaging in high quality early learning experiences that benefit them in the short and long-term. Yet in Contra Costa county we have an early learning educator crisis due to low compensation, lack of benefits, and challenging working conditions. First 5 Contra Costa invites you to learn with us and help us explore addressing this community-wide challenge through a **Guaranteed Income for child care teachers**.

More info: Sandra Naughton, snaughton@first5coco.org

Trauma-informed Practices & Approaches

The Contra Costa Network of Care is a community of trauma-informed practitioners dedicated to preventing and healing childhood adversity and trauma. The network is composed of professionals in the medical, mental health, social services, education, and other fields that work with young children and families. The Network uses an online hub to connect members and foster sharing information, best practices, trainings, and other resources related to preventing, identifying and healing trauma and adverse childhood experiences. Check out the Network and learn more about others in our community working to prevent and heal trauma and toxic stress.

For more info, visit: contracostanetworkofcare.org

Family Economic Security Partnership

The Family Economic Security Partnership (FESP) is a public, private and nonprofit collaboration dedicated to increasing the income and building the assets of low-income families in Contra Costa County. While acknowledging the significance of direct service provision, FESP also increases awareness of the importance of policy and advocacy needed to end poverty. First 5 Contra Costa provides staff support to FESP. Come join FESP's mailing list and quarterly informational meetings. Meetings typically feature a guest speaker on a topic related to poverty or asset building, as well as time to learn about local efforts and events.

For more info, contact: Sandra Naughton, snaughton@first5coco.org or visit: bit.ly/family-economic-security-partnership

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Quality Early Learning Programs

Stage 1 Child Care: The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Child Care known as Stage 1 is a supportive service for adults who are receiving CalWORKs benefits. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provides funding for child care supportive services for those parents who are approved for CalWORKs, required to participate in Welfare-to-Work and have at least one child under 13 years of age. Child Care services are also available to eligible families who have transitioned off the CalWORKs program.

Stage 2 Child Care: CalWORKs Child Care Stage 2 is a service for parents who are transitioning off CalWORKs benefits or have transitioned off within 24 months. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provides funding for child care supportive services for those parents who meet eligibility, have a documented need for child care services and have at least one child under 13 years of age.

For more info, visit: <https://ehsd.org/headstart/childcare-preschool/> & <https://www.csbconnect.org/subsidized-childcare>

Resource Parents for Foster Youth

Resource Family Approval (RFA) is a family-friendly and child-centered caregiver approval process that replaced the previous foster parent-licensing program, and includes approvals for foster parent, adoption and legal guardianship.

For more info, visit <https://ehsd.org/children-family-services/become-a-foster/>

Workforce Services for Youth

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program delivers comprehensive youth services that focus on assisting eligible out-of-school youth and in-school youth, with one or more barriers to employment, to prepare for employment and postsecondary education opportunities; attain educational and/or skills training credentials; and secure employment with career/promotional opportunities. The Contra Costa County Workforce Development Board is hosting two free all-day Youth Summits - June 27 at Centre Concord in Concord, and June 28 at Marina Community Center in Pittsburg - featuring motivational speaker Arel Moodie, raffles, prizes, food, and fun.

For more info, visit: <https://www.wdbccc.com/measure-x-youth-centers/>

CONTRA COSTA HEALTH

Community Oral Health Program

The Community Oral Health Program works in collaboration with schools and community partners to increase access to oral health services by linking children, youth and families to no or low-cost dental resources. This program includes both the Children's Oral Health Program and the Local Oral Health Program, which includes the Local Community Health Improvement Plan. The Children's Oral Health Program began its efforts to improve the health of Contra Costa County children and youth in 1977. More recently, the program expanded its role to include understanding, assessing and working collaboratively with community partners to impact Contra Costa County's oral health system – developing a comprehensive community health improvement plan.

For more details, visit <https://cchealth.org/dental>

Black Infant Health Program

Anti-Black Racism, as well as social and economic stressors, play a major role in poor birth outcomes—babies born too early and too small—for Black women. Within a culturally supportive environment, and honoring the unique history of Black women, California Black Infant Health (BIH) aims to help women have healthy babies. BIH implements an evidence-informed intervention that uses a group-based approach, where participants get to meet, interact and build a sisterhood with other Black women. Group sessions are complemented with client-centered life planning, goal setting and referrals to services. This powerful combination serves to help women enhance life skills, learn proven strategies to reduce stress and build social support. Ultimately, this two-pronged approach impacts not only participants themselves, but future generations of Black women, infants and families.

For more info, visit <https://cchealth.org/fmch/bih.php>

Perinatal Equity Initiative & Deliver Birth Justice Campaign

Statewide the mortality rate for Black infants continues to be two to four times higher than rates for other groups. Due to these disparities, the state created the California Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI) within the Department of Public Health in 2018. PEI aims to address the causes of persistent inequality and promote specific interventions designed to improve outcomes for Black mothers and their families. The PEI complements programs and services offered through the Black Infant Health (BIH) Group Model, which provides services, information and social support to Black mothers to buffer the negative effects of racism and its consequences on women. Contra Costa's PEI direct service interventions are community-based doula and fatherhood support programs. Our collaborative and systems interventions are a community advisory board and a public awareness campaign called *Deliver Birth Justice*.

For more information on the Perinatal Equity Initiative, visit: <https://cchealth.org/fmch/pei.php>

For more information about the #DeliverBirthJustice campaign, visit <https://deliverbirthjustice.org/campaign>

