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Child care is an economic force in Sonoma County that creates jobs, generates significant local income enables parents to work and local businesses to thrive.

4CS BOARD

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the 4Cs office in Santa Rosa. Current committees are Executive, Finance, Development and Nominating/Personnel. Committees meet monthly, or on an as-needed basis. Bylaws indicate that the Board shall have a maximum of 20 members. A term is two years, and each board member is limited to four consecutive terms. In order to vote on an action item, at least 51% of the board members must be present at a meeting. There is a minimum of nine meetings of the full board during the July-June fiscal year.

4CS SERVICES

Resource and Referral

- 4Cs provides parents with more than 3,000 child care referrals a year to licensed family child care providers and centers and child care consumer education.
- Provides information and resources by phone and online to more than 1200 parents and child care providers each month on such topics as child development, accessing community resources, subsidized child care, recent legislation affecting child care, children's health care and insurance, housing, adult education, tax issues related to child care, and other topics of concern to families.
- Processes applications for the Trustline Registry (Fingerprint clearance for exempt providers).
- Operates a Toy, Book, and Video Resource Lending Library for use by licensed providers and 4Cs members.
- Provides continuous assessment of child care needs in Sonoma County.
- Child care support and enhanced child care referrals to families of children with special needs.
- Offers over 100 trainings and workshops to support r individuals seeking a child care license, and ongoing child development trainings and workshops.
- Places families on the Centralized Eligibility List for subsidized child care programs
- Hosts Parent Voices, the Sonoma County Chapter of the state wide grassroots advocacy organization that educates and advocates for families issues regarding child care at the local and state level.

Child Health and Nutrition

- 4Cs sponsors the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) similar to the school lunch program.
- Federally funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the California State Department of Education, Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Division.
- Visits and monitors approximately 400 licensed Family Child Care Homes throughout Sonoma, Marin and Napa counties. Support visits are conducted at least three times per year.
- Educates and ensures that nutritious meals and snacks are served to children in these child care settings.
- Provides ongoing training and support in nutrition and meal planning to family child care providers.
- Monitors over 1,500,000 meals and snacks served per year to an average of 3300 children per month.

Early Care and Education Services

Child Development Services:

- Operates 12 Child Development Preschool Centers and 1 Infant/Toddler Child Development Center in Sonoma County. (8 full day and 5 part day)
- Offers full and part day preschool/early care & education programs for families who meet eligibility requirements.
- Serves approximately 580 families with infants to kindergarten-age children.
- Funded by the California State Dept. of Education, Child Development Division; funds include General Child Care, California State Preschool Program, and parent fees on a sliding scale.
- Serves healthy snacks and meals to children attending the 13 centers and funded through the State Department of Education, Child Care Food Program.
- Committed to delivering high quality early care and education programs, while developing partnerships with parents.
- Five accredited centers by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the leading organization of early childhood professionals.
- Enrolls families from the Sonoma County Centralized Eligibility List (CEL).

Parent Choice Alternative Payment Programs:

- 4Cs APPs or Voucher Programs are parental choice subsidized child care services for families who meet eligibility and need criteria.
- Offers enrolled parents the choice between a center, family day care home or exempt child care provider, and 4Cs subsidizes the cost of care.
- Serves over 1400 children annually so their parents can work, gain vocational education, look for employment or other reasons acceptable under state guidelines.
- As part of the Resource & Referral, offers all parents information about quality child care, child care referrals, community resources as well as referrals to additional community support services as needed.
- Enrolls families in the CAPP program from the Sonoma County Centralized Eligibility List (CEL). (*Families in CalWORKS programs are enrolled from referring agencies.*)

Sonoma County Centralized Eligibility List (CEL)

- 4Cs administers the county wide eligibility list for families who are eligible and in need of subsidized child care services. There are approximately 2000 Sonoma County families waiting for child care subsidies and over 3500 children.
- Families on the list are eligible for child care subsidies, but are unable to receive care because of insufficient funding.
- Families enroll on the eligibility list by calling 4Cs Resource & Referral Department and/or participating CDD funded programs.
- Families calling to enroll on the eligibility list are offered additional community resources as needed.
- For more information on CEL please see the Sonoma County website at www.sonoma-cel.org