

**CAC Chairperson's Report
Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

**Updates from Early Childhood Education and Parent Engagement Committee,
April 26, 2017**

Overview of Early Education in LAUSD: Accomplishments, Challenges, Vision for the Future — Dean Tagawa, Executive Director, LAUSD Early Childhood Division

More than 200 professional development staff trainings have been held in the past two years, targeting:

- . language and literacy
- . math, numeracy and early equations
- . social emotional development

School Readiness and Language Development Program (SRLDP) has been phased out and replaced with 28 new Extended Transitional Kinder programs, for a total of 288 programs. Additional ECE programs are Preschool Collaborative and State preschool programs. Eight new Dual Language Early Ed pilot programs are anticipated for next year. SRLDP served more children than ETK and there were no income requirements, whereas ETK is targeted specifically to low income families who meet eligibility criteria. Due to the more stringent eligibility threshold, LAUSD has lost 3,600 students. District enrollment in kindergarten is 45,000 students; in Early Ed programs it is 15,000 students; there is an opportunity to serve more children.

At the next meeting, Mr. Tagawa will provide more detailed breakdowns of how many students are served in each category of Early Ed program; it was also requested that a breakdown of how much funding ETK students bring in, vs. how much LAUSD expends from its General Fund be provided.

Challenges: eligibility requirements are based on income levels established by the State in 2006. Now that the increased State minimum wage is in effect, some families are no longer eligible for Early Ed State assistance. Also, Governor Brown's initial budget proposed a pause in Early Ed funding. Lobbying efforts are underway to persuade legislators of the need for additional funding. Students who receive early intervention/special education services can make good progress, however the funding must be adequate. LAUSD may research the possibility of offering sliding scale funding for Early Ed District programs.

Early Childhood and Trauma — Louise Godbold, Co-Director, ECHO Parenting

ECHO is a program, located in Echo Park, that provides training to educators and parents. They have partnered with one school in this community (Sally Ride

Elementary) to provide trauma training. To inquire about their parenting classes, call (213) 484-6676 or www.echoparenting.org. (See handout).

The prevalence of children experiencing adverse events has been historically underreported. When young children experience trauma, their ability to cope is overwhelmed, and children feel out of control. 25% of Foster Youth are found to have experienced trauma — twice the rate of returning war veterans.

PASSPORT - Diane Panossian, Director, PCS

So far 27,000 parents have enrolled: parents in Board District 3 have the highest enrollment. PASSPORT gives parents information related to:

- . Schoology
- . MiSIS
- . Welligent
- . immunizations
- . attendance
- . discipline records
- . whether or not middle school students are on-track for high school
- , whether high school students are on-track for graduation
- . transportation routes
- . Universal Enrollment was under consideration to be added, but the Board of Education has decided to table this program for now

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