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ATTACHMENT B:

Special Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Meeting Minutes Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Monday, September 28, 2020, 10am-12pm

NOTE: This meeting is being agendized to allow CAPC Members, staff, and the public to participate in the meeting via teleconference, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), available at the following link: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>

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1. **Call to Order. Welcome, roll call, introductions** (Karleen Jakowski, 5 minutes)
 - Meeting called to order at 10:05am.
 - CAPC members/alternates on the call: Celina Alveraz, Gina Daleiden, Mariah Ernst-Collins, Tracy Fauver, Rachelle Gayton, Cameron Handley, Karleen Jakowski, Cecilia Lopez (alternate for Cameron Handley), Allison Rodriguez (alternate for Sara Gavin), Brian Vaughn
 - Others on the call: Natalie Audage (YCCA), Jill Cook (CAO), Robin Frank (YCCA), Eric Will (CAO)
2. **Action Item: Consider approval of the agenda** (Karleen Jakowski)
 - **VOTE:** Brian Vaughn motioned to approve, Celina Alveraz seconded. All approved via roll call.
3. **Public comment**
 - No public comment.
4. **Action Item: Receive presentations related to racial and ethnic disparities** (45 minutes)
 - a. **Context (Karleen Jakowski)**
 - Karleen shared recent efforts by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to examine and address racism. In addition to passing a proclamation declaring racism as a public health crisis, the BOS is also examining data on racial and ethnic disparities in multiple agencies and is working to integrate efforts to address racial and ethnic disparities into their strategic plan.
 - Karleen also talked about racial and ethnic disparities in three areas of child abuse and neglect prevention:
 - Substantiation and foster care placement
 - Reporting (related to implicit bias)
 - Risk factors for child abuse and neglect: Many risk factors for child abuse and neglect are influenced by social inequities, institutional inequities, and living



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conditions (e.g., disparities in health, poverty, employment, access to housing, education).

- Karleen also defined primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention in child abuse and neglect:
 - Primary prevention is directed at the general population and attempts to stop maltreatment before it occurs. In looking at racial and ethnic disparities, we can think about all children and families affected by racism.
 - Secondary prevention is offered to populations with one or more risk factors associated with child maltreatment and attempts to stop maltreatment before it occurs. In looking at racial and ethnic disparities, we can think about children and families affected by racism who have one or more risk factors associated with child maltreatment.
 - Tertiary prevention focuses on families where maltreatment has already occurred and seeks to reduce negative consequences of maltreatment and prevent its reoccurrence. In looking at racial and ethnic disparities, we can think about how to best reduce negative consequences of maltreatment and prevent its reoccurrence for children and families affected by racism.

b. Public health data presentation (Brian Vaughn)

- Health disparities exist throughout Yolo County, but are worst in West Sacramento, Woodland, and the rural areas of Yolo County.
- Health inequities start before birth and are rooted in social and economic inequities.
- The public health framework for reducing health inequities considers the relationship among more upstream drivers of health (i.e., social inequities, social inequities, and living conditions) and downstream drivers of health (i.e., risk behaviors, disease/injury, and mortality).
- The physical and social environment is the biggest factor in determining health, but the US spends 97.5% of health spending on medical care.
- Yolo data show geographic and racial disparities in life expectancy and education (e.g., high school degree, college degree, and 3rd grade reading levels).
- There are also disparities in access to quality child care and education, which is cost prohibitive for people in low income brackets.

c. Yolo Child Welfare Services data presentation (Karleen Jakowski)

- Yolo does not have accurate data on race and ethnicity in referrals because reporters may choose not to share and/or may not know the race/ethnicity of the child. CWS is working to rectify this in future data collection.
- Yolo's rates of substantiations, entries to foster care, and children in care increased substantially in 2017. Yolo's substantiation rates have been higher than California's since 2017.
- Yolo has significant racial disproportionalities, particularly related to Black children, in substantiations of child abuse and neglect, entries to foster care, children in care, placement with relatives, and placement locations (i.e., in/out of Yolo).



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d. Yolo Probation data (Rachelle Gayton)

- Black and Latino children are disproportionately referred to probation and are disproportionately represented in both active cases and juvenile detention bookings.
- All youth in probation are referred by police departments.
- The number of children in probation has decreased significantly in the last 10 years (300 children vs. 82 as of two weeks ago).
- There has also been a decline in juvenile detention bookings (e.g., there are currently 3 youth in detention in the 90-bed facility).
- Yolo Probation has adopted many diversion programs to keep children from becoming “602 youth” (i.e., a form of wardship by the County).
- Yolo Probation is exploring limiting the number of years that children are on probation.
- Karleen pointed out that many youth in the Juvenile Justice system were once in Child Welfare Services, so preventing child abuse and neglect can prevent entry into both systems.

5. Action Item: Discuss CAPC role in preventing and addressing racial and ethnic disparities in child abuse and neglect (Karleen Jakowski, 60 minutes)

- a. What opportunities do we have as a CAPC to incorporate a commitment and focus on racial equity?
 - i. How can the CAPC support children and families affected by racism (i.e., primary prevention)?
 - ii. How can the CAPC address racial and ethnic disproportionalities in risk and protective factors for child abuse and neglect (i.e., secondary prevention)?
- b. How can we work within our own agencies and organizations to address racism to begin to affect change?

Discussion:

- Tracy expressed gratitude that these conversations are happening openly.
- Tracy suggested looking at programs (e.g., case management, housing, resources) to support families that have been disproportionately affected during the past few years.
- Natalie shared that many child maltreatment risk and protective factors (<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/riskprotectivefactors.html>) involve focusing on upstream concepts that Brian discussed in his presentation.
- Gina suggested that the CAPC use an equity lens when looking at all other issues. She also pointed out that a lot of organizations represented in the CAPC are doing secondary prevention work.
- Karleen shared that there were many significant changes (e.g., multiple child deaths, leadership change, significant staff turnover, and a new CWS Action Plan) in 2015-16 that may have contributed to the data shifts that started in 2017. She also cited the end of the Differential Response program as a potential contributing factor. She mentioned



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that the Yolo System Improvement Plan (SIP) will be addressing several key strategy areas related to racial and ethnic disparities (e.g., pre-placement and family preservation strategies).

- Mariah emphasized the importance of voice and choice in services and supports and making sure that clients get to speak for themselves about what they need. She talked about the power of using peer mentors for struggling families, as well as the importance of having racial and ethnic representation in service providers for clients.
- Natalie suggested examining CWS cases by race and type of abuse and neglect because prevention strategies vary by maltreatment type. If racial disproportionalities exist predominantly in neglect, for example, evidence-based prevention strategies (e.g., child allowances) can be implemented in disproportionately affected populations.
- Brian said that rather than focusing on symptoms and rushing to solutions, we need to make sure that we analyze why this is happening, how racism manifests, and how people are experiencing racism.

6. **Meeting review** (Karleen Jakowski, 5 minutes)

- a. Discuss talking points from meeting
 - Look at upstream causes, not just downstream symptoms.
 - Examine the context of data.
 - Consider short-term and long-term strategies.
 - Work within our own agencies and ourselves.
 - Consider the voices of people who are impacted by racism.
- b. Request for future meeting topics
 - At the 10/2 CAP meeting, we will discuss next steps.

7. **Adjourned at 12:01pm**

Next CAPC meeting: 9am-11am on Friday, October 2, 2020, via Zoom.



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ATTACHMENT C:

Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 2, 2020, 9am-11am

NOTE: This meeting is being agendized to allow CAPC Members, staff, and the public to participate in the meeting via teleconference, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), available at the following link: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>

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8. **Call to Order. Welcome, roll call, introductions, team-building activity** (Karleen Jakowski, 15 minutes)
 - Meeting called to order at 9:04am.
 - CAPC members/alternates on the call: Celina Alveraz, Gina Daleiden, Tracy Fauver, Sara Gavin, Rachelle Gayton, Amy Groven (alternate for Celina Alveraz), Cameron Handley, Karleen Jakowski, Cecilia Lopez (alternate for Cameron Handley), Marialsabel Mandujano, Bianca Solorio (alternate for Mariah Ernst-Collins), Brian Vaughn
 - Others on the call: Natalie Audage (YCCA), Jill Cook (CAO), Robin Frank (YCCA), Gabrielle Meyer (YCCA), Eric Will (CAO)
 - As part of their introduction, members were asked to share their 5 StrengthsFinder strengths and whether they felt like their strengths resonated.
9. **Action Item: Consider approval of the agenda and approve August 14, 2020, minutes** (Karleen Jakowski) (Attachments A and B)
 - Karleen asked to add an informational item to the agenda regarding OCAP Prevention Planning Teams.
 - **VOTE:** Rachelle motioned to approve agenda (with Karleen's addition) and the minutes. Brian seconded. All approved via roll call.
10. **Public comment**
 - No public comment.
11. **Member announcements (10 minutes)**
 - Sara shared that the next Yolo Opioid Coalition meeting is on October 14th from 1-2:30pm. Dr. Corey Waller, a national expert in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) treatment, will present at this meeting. Natalie will send this information to the CAPC.
 - Natalie said she would share Strategies 2.0's Best Practices of California's CAPCs document and webinar after the meeting.
12. **Action Items (65 minutes total)**



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- a. Debrief special CAPC meeting on racial and ethnic disparities and summarize action items (Karleen Jakowski, 20 minutes)
 - Karleen shared that the CAPC heard presentations on data related to health inequities (Brian), Child Welfare Services (CWS) (Karleen), and probation (Rachelle) at the 9/28 Special CAPC meeting on racial and ethnic disparities. She said that the discussion was a great start, and she acknowledged that this is a very complex issue that will take time to address.
 - Karleen summarized the talking points from the 9/28 meeting:
 - Look at upstream causes, not just downstream symptoms.
 - Examine the context of data.
 - Consider short-term and long-term strategies.
 - Work within our own agencies and ourselves.
 - Consider the voices of people who are impacted by racism.
 - The discussion at this meeting focused on potential next steps for the CAPC, including the following:
 - Infuse racial equity into our action plan, committees (e.g., Concrete Supports Committee), metrics, goals, and priorities.
 - Revisit the CAPC action plan to make sure it aligns with/advocates for Board of Supervisors (BOS) priorities.
 - Review the BOS proclamation declaring racism as a public health crisis. [https://yoloagenda.yolocounty.org/docs/2020/BOS/20200721_3171/9372_Racism - public health crisis 07-21-20.pdf](https://yoloagenda.yolocounty.org/docs/2020/BOS/20200721_3171/9372_Racism_-_public_health_crisis_07-21-20.pdf)
 - Develop a CAPC statement that 1) supports the BOS proclamation on racism; 2) points out that people of color in Yolo County are impacted by systems other than criminal justice; 3) calls on other collaboratives to work on this issue; and 4) encourages engagement of the communities that are being impacted; 5) calls for providing what communities of color need now and in the future.
 - Examine CAPC membership diversity and think about who holds power. We need to include and engage people who are directly impacted by racism; they need to help guide the work and our direction. We don't want our efforts to be performative.
 - Focus on prevention and upstream efforts (e.g., housing, poverty) to address inequities, and do not just look at addressing inequities in downstream areas (e.g., criminal justice and Child Welfare Services).
 - **ACTION ITEMS**
 - **The CAPC will commit to infuse a racial equity lens into our work (e.g., action items, committees, goals).**
 - **The CAPC ad hoc Action Plan Review Committee will take a second look at our action plan to make sure it addresses racial equity and aligns with the Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan and tactical plans, two of which are led by Karleen and Brian. The committee will present recommendations at the December meeting.**



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- **The CAPC will work to increase diversity in its membership.**

- b. Discuss changes proposed by ad hoc Action Plan Review Committee and vote to approve Action Plan. Give direction on 2020-21 CAPC priorities (Karleen Jakowski, 30 minutes) (Attachment C)
 - The Committee met to update the CAPC action plan to reflect the experiences of the past two years and COVID-19.
 - Natalie walked through the proposed changes in the document, which included the following:
 - Function 2
 - Added performance measures related to CAPC functioning and YCCA's performance.
 - Function 3
 - Broadened performance measures for public awareness materials to include materials that are not just for parents.
 - Decreased the number of required articles to at least one per year.
 - Broadened potential options for a Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign.
 - Included more specific indicators to measure satisfaction with information sharing with the CAPC and the Yolo Family Strengthening Network (YFSN).
 - Function 4
 - Removed items that CWS said are no longer relevant (promoting CWS documents and trainings for professionals who service homes).
 - Function 5
 - Added ways to measure recommendation implementation.
 - Function 6
 - Added a measure to describe how the CAPC worked to build community support for programs and policies.
 - **VOTE:** Tracy motioned to approve the changes to the action plan, Rachelle seconded. All approved via roll call.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Per agenda item 5b, the ad hoc Action Committee will reconvene to talk about how to infuse racial equity into the action plan and will report back to the CAPC at the December meeting.**

- c. Discuss CAP Month event and brainstorm ideas (Karleen Jakowski, 10 minutes)
 - Karleen asked whether the CAPC is interested in doing an event this year for Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month.
 - Discussion included the following points:
 - Per the Action Plan, the CAPC does not need to do an event each year.
 - Our activities should align with our CAP Month campaign.
 - An event should be educational and meaningful for the community.
 - The event would have to be virtual because of COVID-19.



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- Events (even virtual events) are very time consuming and resource-intensive.
 - The CAPC needs to make sure that we are reaching people without access to computers and/or internet.
 - **VOTE:** Tracy motioned to not have a CAP Month event this year, Rachele seconded. All approved via roll call.
 - **ACTION ITEM: The CAPC will find ways to make CAP Month materials accessible to people who do not have access to computers or the internet.**
- d. Vote on 2021 Child Abuse Prevention Month Campaign name and volunteer request for reviewers (Natalie Audage, 5 minutes)
- Natalie has gotten an estimate from a web designer.
 - Google Translate will be included on each of the web pages to accommodate non-English speakers.
 - Natalie reminded the group that the aim of the website is to help people from different sectors learn about how they can support families and prevention child abuse and neglect.
 - Natalie shared that people of all races, ethnicities, sexes, and sexual orientations should be able to see themselves as part of one or more sectors (e.g., neighbor, friend, parent, educator, health care provider). Therefore, Natalie will add a sector for new parents, but other suggestions from the last meeting (LGBTQ and immigrant groups) will be infused into existing sectors.
 - Natalie will ask each CAPC member to review two or more sectors beginning in mid-late October.
 - Natalie shared current campaign name ideas and asked for additional ideas.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Natalie will send out an email requesting other possible campaign names and will follow with a survey for the CAPC to vote on the final name.**
- 13. Informational Items (25 minutes)**
- a. Update on child abuse and neglect reporting data (Karleen Jakowski)
- Karleen will share data on child abuse and neglect reporting via email.
 - i. Distribution of materials (Natalie Audage)
 - Natalie worked with Karleen, Sara, and Mariah to come up with a distribution plan for the 500 hard copies of materials ([Supporting Safety and Well-Being of Children and Families during COVID-19](#) and [Protecting Children: Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect](#)) that First 5 Yolo funded. Natalie distributed 300 to YCOE, school districts, and Head Start, and she mailed about 10 to each of the 22 pediatrician/family care practices in Yolo.
- b. Promoting Concrete Supports for Families Committee updates
- i. Economic supports for families: Presentation to Health Council (Brian Vaughn)
 - Brian shared that he asked Karleen and/or Natalie to share the CAPC BOS recommendations on promoting economic supports for families with the Health Council last month.



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- The Health Council is moving forward with recommendations to meet their priority regarding “Access to basic needs such as housing, jobs, food and safety.”
- Brian requested the CAPC presentation in order to create some potential for alignment and cross-coordination across efforts. Natalie presented the information on 9/10/20, and the presentation was well-received.
- ii. Child care and early education upcoming meeting (Gina Daleiden)
 - Natalie updated that this Committee will meet on 10/23. The Committee will discuss the state of child care and early education in Yolo both before COVID-19 and as it currently stands in order to come up with BOS recommendations. Natalie is preparing the background presentation for the Committee meeting, and she is including data and potential recommendations that address racial and ethnic disparities.
- c. Outcomes Committee update on CAPC Dashboard (Natalie Audage)
 - Brian and Natalie recommend that the CAPC wait on moving forward with our dashboard at this time because the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) has said that they plan to update their county-based dashboard. OCAP is also working on developing 10 indicators that will be used to assess OCAP Prevention Planning Teams. Natalie learned this information at an Essentials for Childhood meeting on OCAP and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) indicators.
 - Natalie shared the current OCAP County Dashboard (<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ocap/data-dashboards>)
 - **ACTION ITEM: Natalie asked for the CAPC to email her feedback on the current OCAP county dashboard that she can share with Essentials for Childhood and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention.**
- d. Translation of *Protecting Children: Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect* (Natalie Audage)
 - Natalie and Karleen have now worked on two documents related to reporting child abuse and neglect:
 - 4-page version for mandated reporters
 - 2-page version for community members who don’t know much about child abuse and neglect.
 - Family Hui is paying to translate the 2-page version into Spanish, Farsi, and perhaps Russian.
 - Natalie reports that YCCA has money in the budget to pay for the 4-page document to be translated into Russian and Spanish.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Natalie will share final versions with Rachelle so information can be shared via televisions in probation.**
- e. Distribution of hard copies of *Handling Your Child’s Challenging Behaviors at Every Age* (Natalie Audage)



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- To date, Natalie has given 12 family-serving organizations (e.g., Child Welfare Services, Empower Yolo, CommuniCare, Children's Home Society, CREO, Elica Health Centers) 2,095 English, 1,505 Spanish, 445 Russian copies of the guide.
 - She still has many copies in English and Spanish.
 - **ACTION ITEM: CAPC members should let Natalie know if they want more guides.**
- f. OCAP Prevention Planning Teams (**ADDED ITEM**) (Karleen Jakowski)
- There are currently 24 established Prevention Planning Teams in California. Some of these teams were started when counties sent teams to the OCAP Prevention Summit in San Diego about 18 months ago. OCAP has now offered to provide technical assistance through Strategies TA to all counties interested in starting a Prevention Planning Team.
 - Prevention Planning Teams are co-chaired by the county Child Abuse Prevention Council Director and Child Welfare Director. Additional Prevention Planning Team members may include leaders from public health, First 5, Office of Education, Probation, relevant Child Welfare departments, and representatives from the non-profit sector.
 - The goal of Prevention Planning Teams is to develop a shared agenda focused on primary and secondary prevention planning. Teams will complete needs assessments, which include community/stakeholder engagement, thereby improving the service array within the domains of the social determinants of health.
 - The OCAP and Strategies TA provide technical assistance support to each Prevention Planning Team in these efforts.
 - There are no funds associated with this effort.
 - Karleen shared her experience with the OCAP Prevention Summit and Yuba County and said that she found this effort very helpful. Each county had a different focus and each came to the table at a different stage of the process. The efforts involve engaging partners beyond the CAPC to look at primary and secondary prevention county-wide.
 - **ACTION ITEM: The consensus of the group was that members would like to learn more about this effort. Natalie and Karleen will get more information and bring it back to the CAPC in December.**
14. Meeting review (Karleen Jakowski, 5 minutes)
- a. Discuss 3 talking points from meeting
 - The CAPC will work to find ways to make the 2021 CAP Month campaign accessible to people who do not have computers or internet access.
 - The CAPC plans to infuse racial equity into our work and will also bring people who are affected by racism to the table.
 - The CAPC will work to align our action plan with the County Strategic Plan.
 - b. Request for future meeting topics
 - Reports from organizations and agencies about their work related to racial equity.



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15. Adjourned at 10:58am.

Next CAPC meeting: 9am-11am on Friday, December 4, 2020, via Zoom.

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ATTACHMENT D:

CAPC Action Plan-draft with proposed changes



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Action Plan-draft with

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ATTACHMENT E:

CAPC PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION

Actively engage in county discussions about child care recovery

- Don't know what this industry is going to look like in the future, so need to actively work to stabilize and encourage recovery and growth in Yolo County.
- Ensure that conversations address access for low-income children and children of color.

Work with the county and cities to incentivize new child care businesses through waiving fees and licensing costs

- Already had an unmet child care need before pandemic, and the situation is worse now as many child care centers are at risk of closing permanently.
- Encourage providers to open childcare businesses by reducing cost barriers.

Support outreach and engagement of Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) child care providers

- Majority of children 0-2, particularly those in underserved populations, have generally been cared for by FFN providers.
- More families are using FFN providers as a result of COVID-19. As these providers are not part of a system, need to make additional efforts to engage them and provide education and resources.
- Small amount of money can be effective in reaching a large number of providers.

Support family-friendly work policies

- Supporting family-friendly work policies such as paid parental, sick, and vacation leave and flexible and consistent schedules, can make it easier for parents to provide necessary care for children.

Propose giving a child allowance to a small pilot population

- Monthly child allowance. Poverty-reducing intervention that can also help parents afford quality child care. Has been shown to work well in other countries.
- National Academies of Sciences: "A child allowance is a monthly cash payment to families for each child living in the home....Because child allowance benefits are not reduced as earnings increase...they provide a more secure floor than means-tested benefits, one that does not penalize intermittent work. At least 17 rich nations have some form of a child allowance."
- National Academies lower child allowance estimate is \$166/month or \$1,992 per year per child. Giving a pilot population of 50 parents a child allowance would cost a total of \$99,600 per year.
- Outside funders might be interested in funding this strategy.
- Can also connect these families with preschool and early education programs.



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Advocate for state and federal funding for early childhood settings and increased access for low-income children and children of color

- There was a child care crisis before COVID-19, and the industry has suffered greatly since the pandemic started. CA could lose 51% of its child care supply. ([Center for American Progress](#))
- There is public support for high-quality, affordable child care for families: According to First Five Years Fund (FFYF) National Poll in 2020, 79% of all voters say the COVID crisis has shown us how essential it is that we build a child care system that makes care available and affordable to all families who need it.
- Need to stabilize the industry now but also invest in it on an ongoing basis.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Data

- [Child Care Aware of America](#) reported CA was the least affordable state for infants in both center-based and family child care settings.
 - \$10-17k per year depending on type of care and infant vs. preschooler. (kidsdata.org)
 - Remember that 2020 federal poverty guideline is \$21,720 for 1 adult and 2 children.
- In 2017, Yolo County Local Child Care Planning Council found that there was an unmet need for 3,570 child care slots for children 0-2.
- 8/22/20, [LA Times](#) reported that Yolo County lost roughly 9 child care slots for every 1,000 children younger than 5.
- [Center for American Progress](#) (9/2/20): "The true cost of child care has increased 47% during the pandemic"
- [NAEYC study of child care programs](#):
 - 70% reported substantial increased costs
 - 49% reported a loss of income
 - 86% reported serving fewer kids
 - 2/3 said that without additional public support, they'll need to raise tuition.
 - [40%](#) said they'll close without public assistance.

[Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: A Technical Package for Policy, Norm, and Programmatic Activities](#) from CDC makes the link between child maltreatment and child care and early education:

- "Past research has suggested that states meeting the demand for child care assistance and neighborhoods with more licensed child care spaces relative to child care need had lower rates of child abuse and neglect. Difficulties finding quality child care also are linked to increased rates of self-reported child neglect among substance abusing mothers. Access to affordable, quality child care is associated with reduced parental stress and maternal depression, both of which are risk factors for child abuse and neglect." (Technical package, p. 21)



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- “Quality child care and early childhood education can improve children’s cognitive and socioemotional development and increase the likelihood that children will experience safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments, both in the child care and education settings and at home.” (Technical package, p. 21)

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