

Measure C

Community Advisory Council



What is the Community Advisory Council (CAC)

The Council shall develop policy and programmatic recommendations related to the Child Care, Preschool, and Early Education account and its implementation, including but not limited to:

1. Recommendations to the Administering Agency (First 5 of Alameda) about the Plan and Annual Expenditure Plan;
2. Initiatives to improve the quality and capacity-building of service providers;
3. Initiatives to evaluate and improve the administration of program, particularly including through the use of technology to streamline and integrate services; and
4. Strategies to enhance community engagement in the planning and implementation of services

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The Council shall promote and facilitate transparency in the administration of the Child Care, Preschool, and Early Education account, including opportunities for public testimony and a community engagement process with parent, provider and early educator organizations and other stakeholders to receive input and support robust involvement on program development and implementation.

The Council shall annually review the audit of the Child Care, Preschool, and Early Education account for the prior year.

When?

Within 45 days of the Effective Date of this Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors shall establish a Child Care, Preschool, and Early Education Community Advisory Council.

Composition of the CAC - 11 Members

- Two members of the child care workforce, one of whom is a worker from an early care and education center who works in the classroom, and one of whom is a family child care provider. At least one of these two shall be a member of a union.
- Two parents and/or guardians, at least one of whom must have experience participating in a subsidized program or subsidy wait list;
- Two employees or representatives of Alternative Payment agencies;
- Two administrators and/or directors from an early care and education center participating in a subsidized child care program in the County, at least one of whom is an administrator or employee of a public agency; and
- Three discretionary members, who may include but are not limited to representatives of the Alameda County Office of Education, higher education, parents, public agencies, and labor unions.

Who Makes the Appointments to the CAC?

Board of Supervisors (5 seats)

- 2 Child care workers
- 2 Parents of guardians
- 1 Representative from Alternative Payment Agency

Alameda County ECE Planning Council (6 seats)

- 1 Representative from Alternative Payment Agency
- 2 Administrators/Directors of an ECE center participating in a subsidized child care program in the County. (At least one of whom is an administrator or employee of a public agency)
- 3 Discretionary members, who may include but are not limited to representatives of the Alameda County Office of Education, higher education, parents, public agencies, and labor unions.

Term of CAC Members

Council members shall serve a four-year term, with the exception of the first class of members, five of whom shall serve a two-year term as determined by lottery at the first meeting of the Council with the remainder serving a four-year term. No member may serve on the Council for more than 12 consecutive years.