

Early Childhood Education Convenings

County management regularly participates and plays leadership roles in a variety of community organizations and groups to coordinate with public and private entities and promote provision of child health, developmental, and program management services. Below are descriptions of these entities.

1. First 5 Contra Costa - Aims to change systems of services and supports for children ages 0-5 and their families. In addition to funding five Family Resource Centers, First 5 coordinates collective action through advocacy and community engagement, research, capacity building, and connecting families and child care providers to resources.
2. Contra Costa County Interagency Collaborative - A meeting of community-based organizations to share resources and service opportunities with one another to better the service delivery options to families in Contra Costa County.
3. Ensuring Opportunity Campaign to End Poverty - The goal is to end economic disparity by addressing the root causes of poverty through policy change, focusing on these policy areas: Housing, Food Security, Economic Security, Health Security and Budget Justice (the county budget process).
4. Early Learning Leadership Group - A think-tank group comprised of leaders in the field of early education who plan, strategize, advocate, and collaborate to achieve the best outcomes for children 0-5.
5. Comprehensive Prevention Planning Team - The mission is to create and oversee a countywide prevention plan which impacts the social determinants of health for our children, families, and community.
6. Reading Advantage - Distributes new and gently used books to local schools and community organizations throughout Contra Costa County.
7. Healthy and Active Before Five - A collaborative that advances health equity through local policy and environmental changes to support the health and well-being of children ages 0-5 and their families.
8. Local Planning Council for Early Care and Education - In partnership with public and private entities, works to improve childcare and early education opportunities in Contra Costa County.
9. Los Medanos College ECE Advisory Committee - Collaborate with educational entities to inform and shape the ECE field.
10. The Family Economic Security Partnership - Private and nonprofit collaboration dedicated to increasing the income and building the assets of low-income families in Contra Costa County.
11. Diablo Valley College Advisory Board - Collaborate with educational entities to inform and shape the ECE field.

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12. Tandem, Partners in Early Learning - Works alongside school districts, early childhood education providers and community-based organizations to co-create equitable, high-quality early learning literacy experiences for children ages 0-5.
13. Oral Health Collaborative for Contra Costa County - 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.
14. Contra Costa/Anthem Quarterly Community Advisory Committee - Looks at trends in our community and assesses the trends to ensure needs are met for the families living in the community.
15. Building Healthy Communities - Strives to implement healthy eating and physical activity practices within early childhood education programs.