

Contra Costa Early Childhood System Map

A visual and strategic tool for understanding
and strengthening our early childhood system

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Purpose of Today's Conversation

- ✓ Orient to the *System Map*
- ✓ Describe how and why it was developed
- ✓ Explore what's inside
- ✓ Discuss how it can be used
- ✓ Hear feedback



What is the System Map?

A one-stop, interactive synthesis of:

- Program-level data
- Public data for our county and state
- Family and workforce perspectives
- Focused on families with young kids



Why the System Map was Created



To turn data into insights
and insights into action

- Early childhood ecosystem is cross-sector and complex.
- The map supports decision-makers, funders, and providers in aligning efforts, improving access, and driving equity.



Who was involved?



Start Early Consulting

Led the design and data synthesis for the Contra Costa Early Childhood System Map, bringing expertise in cross-system analysis and visualization.



First 5 Contra Costa

Commissioned and guided the project, ensuring that the map reflects local priorities, family experiences, and the county's broader vision for an equitable, family-centered early childhood system.



Advisory Group

Provided critical input and data throughout the process, validating findings, recruiting participants, surfacing real-world perspectives, and ensuring the map's relevance and usability across sectors.

What's Inside



Community Context



Healthy Beginnings



Strong, Supported Families



Quality Early Childhood Programs



Early Childhood Workforce



Funding & Governance



Program Profiles

Early Childhood Systems Map

Contra Costa County, CA



Introduction
& Approach



Community
Context



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Funding,
Governance, &
Collaboration



This map of Contra Costa County provides a comprehensive picture of the early childhood system, looking at health and wellbeing, family support, early childhood programs, workforce, funding, and cross-system collaboration. Using the systems map, Contra Costa's partners - early childhood agencies, families, and providers - can effectively collaborate; improve policies and systems; facilitate informed decision-making; and plan strategically to improve outcomes for young children and their families.



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How Leaders Can Use the System Map



Strengthen collaboration across agencies



Inform decisions on funding, programming, and policy

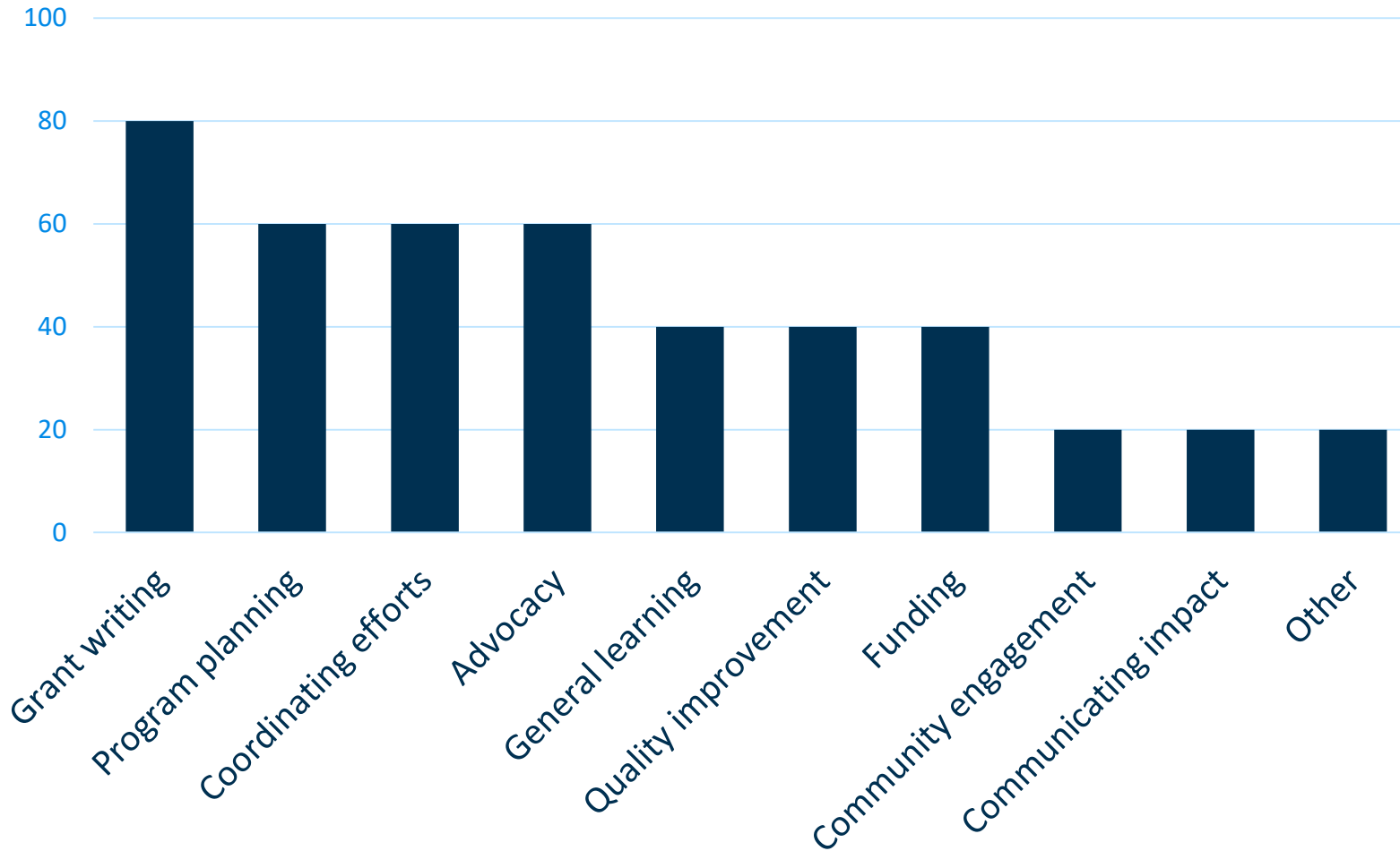


Support improvement through ongoing tracking



Identify leverage points for big impact

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Let's strengthen the early childhood system together.

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