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Solano County Child Care Planning Council

Solano Child Care Planning Council Membership Application

Mission: The mission of the Solano County Child Care Planning Council is to provide leadership and advocacy for the development of high quality, accessible, and affordable child care programs for every child and family in Solano County.

Purpose: The purpose of the Child Care Planning Council is to assess and prioritize Solano County child care and development needs and develop and implement, as appropriate, plans to address those needs. The Child Care Planning Council is committed to the belief that all children in Solano County will have equal access to community services and support and experience high quality, safe, healthy, and nurturing care, and education. The Child Care Planning Council shall collaborate with public and private partners to maximize child development resources.

The California Department of Education assigns the Child Care Planning Council various responsibilities and provides funding through an annual contract to support this work. The Child Care Planning Council members are appointed by the Solano County Board of Supervisors and/or the County Superintendent of Schools. The Council is responsible to the Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools in carrying out its assigned tasks.

Membership Expectations: The term of office is for two years from the date of appointment. Meetings are convened a minimum of six times per year; usually every other month from 1:00–2:00 pm, with one or two meetings held in the evenings. Council members are expected to attend all regular meetings

Membership Categories:

Each of the 5 categories represented on the Local Planning Council has 3 positions:

Parents/Child Care Consumers: parents or persons who receive or who have received child care services within the past 36 months.

Child Care Providers: persons who provide child care services or represent persons who provide child care services.

Public Agency Representatives: persons who represent a city, a county, or a local education agency.

Community Representatives: persons who represent an agency or business that provides private funding for child care services or who **advocate** for child care services through participation in civic or community-based organizations but are not child care providers and do not represent agencies that contract with the California Department of Education to provide child care and development services.

Public/Discretionary Member: persons from any of the above categories or outside of these categories at the discretion of appointing agencies.

For more information: Please contact Juanita Morales, Child Care Planning Council Coordinator at (707) 399-4452 or at jmorales@solanocoe.net and/or visit the Solano County Office of Education, Early Learning website at www.solanocoe.net/childcarelpc.

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Name: Sabrina Drake

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Business Address: 4000 Suisun Valley Rd. Fairfield, CA 94534 Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED] (business or personal?)

Employer and Job Title: Solano College Early Learning Center - Director

Applicants must work or live in Solano County, and exhibit:

- A strong commitment to advocating for increased quality early learning services.
- An ability to make information-based decisions.
- An ability to work in a team environment.
- An ability to work collaboratively with multiple LPC members.
- Excellent leadership skills.

Council Member duties include:

- Participate in a new member orientation.
- Attend LPC General Meetings (6 per year).
- Attend LPC Planning Retreat (August).
- Thoughtful and consistent response to concerns of the Board of Supervisors, County Superintendent of Schools, LPC Members, parents, child care providers, community-based organizations, and the public.

Membership Category: Check all categories under which you are applying for nomination. See the previous page for category descriptions.

☒ Child Care Consumer

☐ Child Care Provider

☐ Public Agency Representative

☐ Community Representative

Demographic Information: The LPC has a strong commitment to ensuring geographical, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Council. Please complete the following:

In what part of the county do you work:

Dixon ☐ Vacaville ☒ Fairfield ☐ Suisun ☐ Benicia ☐ Vallejo ☐ Rio Vista ☐ None

In what part of the county do you live:

Dixon ☐ Vacaville ☒ Fairfield ☐ Suisun ☐ Benicia ☐ Vallejo ☐ Rio Vista ☐ None

☐ Male ☒ Female ☐ Decline to State

☒ White ☐ African American ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Asian American/Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian

☐ Other

Languages Spoken Fluently: English



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Solano County Child Care and Development Planning Council

Qualification Statement (Required): Describe your community, professional, or personal experiences that enable you to provide leadership and work collaboratively with diverse groups of people. Please list specific contributions you would make to the work of the LPC. **We are unable to accept applications without qualification statements or without the signature and date below.**

With over 27 years of experience in Early Childhood Education, I am deeply committed to supporting children, families, and the next generation of educators in Solano County and beyond. As a long-standing member of the Solano College community, where shared governance, collaboration, and leadership are core values, I take great pride in fostering a culture rooted in integrity, inclusiveness, and mutual respect.

Throughout my career, I have taken on a wide range of leadership roles—serving as the Chief Negotiator for CSEA, participating in numerous college committees, representing Solano College at conferences, and engaging actively with the broader community. I uphold a strong work ethic and strive to cultivate the same commitment among my staff and colleagues, creating a work environment that values communication, accountability, and shared purpose.

At Solano College's Early Learning Center (ELC), we are proud to be training the future Early Childhood and P-3 workforce. Our center reflects the diversity of our community—culturally, linguistically, and socioeconomically—and we are intentional in building a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment. We emphasize peaceful conflict resolution, emotional safety, and a strong sense of belonging. We believe that families and staff who feel seen, heard, and valued are empowered to grow and flourish.

My roots in Solano County run deep. I have served on the Solano Local Planning Council, coordinated the Child Development Training Consortium for over a decade—supporting the field with stipends, permit applications, book loans, and training for Professional Growth Advisors—and currently serve as Secretary for the Solano College ECE Advisory Committee. I was also a certified CLASS observer and have conducted quality observations in ECE programs across the region, getting to know providers in the area.

Most recently, I've experienced firsthand the challenges families face in seeking quality infant care, as I helped my daughter secure care for my 8-month-old granddaughter. This personal experience has only deepened my empathy and commitment to ensuring all families have access to the high-quality care they deserve.

I am proud of the work we do at Solano College and the broader ECE community in our county. I will continue to advocate for excellence in early learning, lead with integrity, and uplift the voices of families, children, and educators alike. I look forward to serving on the LPC to further its mission.

I understand this application will not guarantee me a position on the Local Planning Council. I will be informed of my status during each stage of the process.

Applicant's Signature: Sabrina Drake **Date:** 07/30/2025

Please submit completed applications to:
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or

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