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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: Joti Takhar

Home Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Business Address: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED] (business or personal?)

Employer and Job Title: Solano Community College Early Learning Center (ELC) Assistant 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:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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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.**

Collaborating with different community organizations has allowed me to gain broader skills and expertise, leading to more effective program development and implementation. I have had the opportunity to partner with Child Start/Head Start and have had the privilege to serve on the California Mentor Program selection committee and the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Advisory Committee. I have also had opportunities to collaborate with public and private partners to maximize child development resources for the Early Learning Center (ELC) at the Community College. These partnerships helped me build stronger ties in the community, allowing me to provide leadership and advocacy for developing high-quality programs in Solano County.

I earned a Bachelor's Degree and continued my education in Early Childhood Education at Solano Community College. My work experience helped me gain a Program Director Certification from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Program. As an Early Childhood Education professional at Solano Community College, I have successfully held the roles of classroom teacher, supervisor, trainer, facilitator, and mentor for the Child Development and Family Studies (CDFS) practicum students. I regularly collaborate with the ELC specialists to create a high-quality learning environment, and have over 20 years of experience working with children, adult students, staff, and community members.

As an Assistant Director at ELC, I supervise a diverse team of Lab Assistants, Student Interns, Student Teachers, Practicum Students, Nursing Students, Food Program assistants, and volunteers in our program. They represent different ages, races, ethnicities, cultures, and socio-economic backgrounds and speak other languages. This role has prepared me to develop relationships, share experiences, practice advocacy, and provide a sense of belongingness to these families during their enrollment into the program.

I was born in India and have been fortunate to travel and experience different cultures worldwide. Solano County has been my home for the past 27 years. I value differences in people's various racial and ethnic backgrounds, languages, and traditions, and respectfully treat all people with regard. I am sensitive when communicating with others and respect diverse socio-economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. This experience reinforces my support and advocacy for families so their children can reach their potential and participate fully in the community.

I am very interested in serving on the Local Planning Council (LPC). My work experience will enable me to provide leadership, collaborate with the Council members, and contribute to the LPC's mission of advocating for the development of high-quality, accessible, and affordable child care programs for all families in Solano County.

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: *Jotinder Takhar* Date: 4/30/2025

Please submit completed applications to:
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