

**LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
ANNUAL SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Agency Name: Child Care Coordinating Council County: Nevada County  
Address: 640 E. Main Street Suite #3 Grass Valley CA 95945  
Contract Number: CLPC-8028 Contract Amount: \$55,896

1. List three major activities and accomplishments during the contract reporting period:
  - #1 Leveraged funds to maximize professional growth opportunities and elevate certification and formal education of staff working in state funded programs and FCCHN through targeted incentives. This resulted in an increase of 30.3% of college course completion compared to last fiscal year, a 7% increase of new Child Development Permits and a 12% increase in upgraded child development permit from Assistant and Associate Teacher Permits to Teacher, Master Teacher and Site Supervisor Permits.
  - #2 Coordinated with local agencies (First 5 Nevada County, Sierra Nevada Children's Services, Sierra Community College, local and private programs, Head Start, Family Partners, etc.) to maximize Nevada, a small rural community's ability to support and encourage the development of early care and education (ECE) professionals through increased support services and incentives to retain and promote participation in local quality improvement initiatives. Collaborative supports include: a master calendar of training opportunities offered in the areas of social emotional development, scientific thinking and inquiry, math, language and literacy, access to technology to increase access to workshop and reduce geographic barriers to coaching/mentoring support, create market separation incentives to increase consumer knowledge/awareness of why quality child care matters, increased local knowledge through a cohort system and sharing of coach support, trainers, and assessors.
  - #3 Identified, Collaborated and Supported Child Care Workforce and Families in need of Child Care. Assessed and completed Nevada County's overall child care needs, with data on supply/demand, costs and market rates; identified zip code local funding priority areas in the county for the greatest child care need, fostered partnerships with local agencies to support families and child care.
2. Identify problems and proposed resolutions to local planning issues and activities:

Continued low funding for LPCs decreases the effect of the importance of LPC's. At a time when coordination and leadership is needed, the LPC's are at a strong position to effectively take the lead and unite all agencies to support the work of CDE and First 5's. This is particularly true, especially in rural counties where LPC's also take on the role of QRIS manager and serves as the hub for coordination of ECE efforts and support strategies, manage AB212/CTKS/IMPACT/QRIS Block and I/T Block Grant distribution and stipend requests, create and manage publications/media packets, create and manage websites, coach/train stipend participants, manage and lead the Peer Mentor Program, maintain iPinwheel, database, coordinate assessors and trainers for participating programs. Increased funding to allow for full-time funding for the LPC Coordinator position would allow for meeting and strengthening data coordination and building a policy agenda at the city and county level.
3. Coordination/Collaboration Efforts (California First 5, CalSAFE, Native American Indian Tribes, etc.):

The LPC in Nevada County serves as the primary lead and hub agency to connect and maintain an association of representatives from the early care and education field, including colleges, R&R's, Head Start, COE, and business partners, with the primary goal of supporting early childhood educators and maximum utilization of professional development resources to meet the needs of the ECE workforce.

Activities took place that included partnerships with:

First 5 CA, First 5 Nevada County, First 5 Placer County, Gold Country Association for the Education of Young Children, Kidz Kount Head Start, Sierra Community College, Child Abuse Prevention Council of Western Nevada County, Community Support Network, Children's & Youth's Bill of Rights Group, Sierra Nevada Children's Services, PARTNERS Family Resource Center, California Child Care Coordinators Association.