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City Council's Task Force on Early Childhood Development and Early Learning

Special Joint Meeting
Pasadena City Council & Pasadena Unified School District
Monday, March 7, 2022

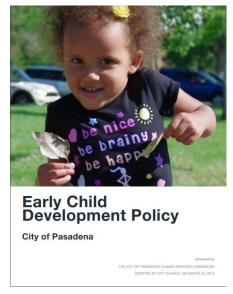
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- In 2014, City Council requested an update to the 1994 Child Care Policy.
- An ad hoc committee was formed to revise the 1994 policy and develop a master plan for its implementation.
- The updated policy, renamed the Early Childhood Development Policy, called for the establishment of the Office of the Young Child to carry out implementation of the policy recommendations.







Establishment of a New Task Force

- At its February 28, 2022 meeting, City Council approved the formation of a new task force to work with staff to review the implementation of the 2015 policy.
- The task force will report back to Council on:
 - The current status of implementation of the policy;
 - Alignment with most recent science regarding best practices on early childhood programs;
 - Policy changes needed to support young children and families given new challenges and circumstances that exist today.





Task Force Work Plan

- Amongst other things, the task force will:
 - Develop 5 Year goals and benchmarks;
 - Consider reinstatement of the Early Childhood Development Standing Committee (Human Services Commission);
 - Recommend strategies for policy integration into city departments/services;
 - > Review opportunities to receive funding from ARPA & upcoming infrastructure bill;
 - Recommend opportunities to align work with a broad coalition of partners;
 - > Recommend steps for Pasadena to become an Early Learning City by 2025.







Task Force Composition & Timeline

- Task force will be comprised of 14 members with a broad range of expertise and skillsets within the early childhood development space.
- The task force will meet twice monthly from March 15, 2022 June 11, 2022. Meetings will be subject to the Brown Act.
- To accomplish its work, the task force may call on professional expertise within the field of early childhood development.
- Expect a final report to City Council on or before September 12, 2022.

