

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

Item 5





Background

Office of the City Manager

- 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.



Early Child Development Policy

City of Pasadena

developed by
THE CITY OF PASADENA'S HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 23, 2015



Establishment of a New Task Force

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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.