

# Contra Costa Children's Leadership Council

June 21, 2023 Convening Summary



More than 115 people representing 45 organizations from across the county gathered June 21, 2023 for the first in-person Contra Costa Children's Leadership Council event since the pandemic.

The Children's Leadership Council aims to intentionally develop and strengthen the ecosystem that recognizes and supports child, youth, family, and community resilience and wellbeing. Originally launched in 2019, the Council was on hiatus during the pandemic. The Council re-launched in April 2023 with a virtual event, and the June 21st in-person convening aimed to create a 'big tent' —a space for all child- and youth-serving organizations to connect and innovate solutions to local issues. The Council is led by First 5 Contra Costa, the Employment and Human Services Department, the Health Services Department, and the Contra Costa County Office of Education.

The following goals for the event were all met, based on participant evaluation survey results:



| EVENT GOALS                 | STATUS OF GOALS                     | PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Connect with others         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 100% of respondents re-connected or met people whose work relates to mine or will be helpful to my work                                                                       |
| Learn new information       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 97% of respondents learned something new from the convening that will be helpful to them                                                                                      |
| Be empowered to take action | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 92% of respondents are likely to engage with one or more of the collaborative projects featured at the event<br><br>97% of respondents are likely to attend future CLC events |

## Who attended and what did they learn?

More than 115 individuals from 45 different organizations, ranging from county departments to nonprofit service providers to local policymakers and funders, attended the event.

Local elected officials and county department leaders spoke at the event about the power of collaboration and the benefits of working together across disciplines, communities and roles.

### Speakers included:

- Contra Costa County Supervisors Candace Andersen (District 2), Ken Carlson (District 4) and John Gioia (Chair, District 1)
- Anna Roth, Erika Jenssen, and Sefanit Mekuria, Contra Costa Health
- Marla Stuart and Kathy Marsh, Employment & Human Services Department
- Ruth Fernández and Wanda Davis, First 5 Contra Costa



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## How were attendees empowered to take action?

A central part of the event was an expo featuring tabling by staff from 9 county-wide collaborative projects coordinated by Contra Costa Health, First 5 Contra Costa, and the Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department.



### Guaranteed Income for Child Care Teachers

More info:  
<https://www.first5coco.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/GI-for-Child-Care-Workers-6-12-23.pdf>

### Trauma-informed Practices and Approaches

More info:  
[contracostanetworkofcare.org](http://contracostanetworkofcare.org)

### Family Economic Security Partnership

More info:  
[bit.ly/family-economic-security-partnership](http://bit.ly/family-economic-security-partnership)



### Quality Early Learning Programs: Stage 1 & 2

More info:  
<https://ehsd.org/headstart/childcare-preschool/>  
<https://www.csconnect.org/subsidized-childcare>

### Resource Parents for Foster Youth

More info:  
<https://ehsd.org/children-family-services/become-a-foster/>

### Workforce Services for Youth

More info:  
<https://www.wdbccc.com/measure-x-youth-centers/>



### Community Oral Health Program

More info:  
<https://ehsd.org/headstart/childcare-preschool/>  
<https://www.csconnect.org/subsidized-childcare>

### Black Infant Health Program

More info:  
<https://cchealth.org/fmch/bih.php>

### Perinatal Equity Initiative/Deliver Birth Justice

More info:  
<https://cchealth.org/fmch/pei.php>  
<https://deliverbirthjustice.org/campaign>

## How Did Attendees Feel After the Expo?

To the right is a word cloud based on a poll asking participants to describe one word about how they felt after the expo session where they could talk with representatives from each of the 9 collaborative projects.



## Next Steps

The four public agencies leading the Children's Leadership Council will be determining the next steps based on input from participants and stakeholders. Below is some of the feedback gathered from participants at the convening:

- "This was awesome! We need to have this more often."
- "Do this again."
- "Thank you for arranging this event. Please keep it going."
- "Have and form meetings more often."



For more info, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/childrens-leadership-council>

