


 Building partnerships with individuals and organizations to help meet the child care needs of our communities

 Believing that all young children deserve the early care and education they need to be successful in school and life



CALLING ALL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Help us make a difference in our community.

QRIS

It is time to address QRIS in Lake County. At our LCP Retreat we made the decision to convene a special meeting to discuss how we can implement QRIS. We will be sending out a survey for a meeting date in the next few weeks so keep watching your emails.

If you have some thoughts that you would like to have addressed in the meeting, please email them to lallen@lakecoe.org.

LPC Meeting Time Change

And the survey says..... Our LPC Meetings will continue be held on the third Thursday of the month; HOWEVER, the time will be changed as follows:

3:30 pm in September, October, November, February & March
6:30 pm in January and April



This new schedule accommodates 100% of the survey responders. We are offering

reimbursement to LPC members that have a Family Child Care and need to pay a substitute in order to attend the meeting. Contact Shelly for more information.

[Click here to see the new meeting schedule with locations on our LPC website.](#)

Join us at our next meeting
November 20
3:30 pm
Yuba College Clearlake Room 908

Be a Hero READ, Be a Hero EAT TOGETHER

The Hero Project Read month is underway. Please encourage your families to sign up and take the challenge. Go to www.lakecountyheroproject.com to READ all about it! Our November theme is "Eat Together" and literature will be available the first week of November. Please check with Robyn Bera (rbera@lakecoe.org) if you would like postcards to distribute at your program.



LPC Meeting Information

LPC RETREAT at Clearlake Bed and Breakfast, Lakeport

Our LPC Retreat was held October 2, 2014 at the Clearlake Bed and Breakfast in Lakeport. Eighteen LPC members gathered to refresh, renew & relax. Park Place provided a fall themed lunch of butternut squash soup, pear and apple salad and gorgonzola bread. Amber Warner & Merci Hoskins presented the inspiring and energetic "Refresh-Recharge-Relax-Rejuvenate" mini-conference which was a treat for all who attended. This is just a small way of saying "Thank You" to all our volunteer members of the Planning Council and a fresh start for our new year.



Guest speaker Amber Warner at LPC Retreat

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 3:30 pm, Yuba College Clearlake, Room 908

Steps To Quality

Stay on track, plan ahead.



Program Overview
2014-2015
✓First Year Participant

First Year Participants

Your S2Q program is uploaded on the website and you should be completing your Intro to CLASS online and preparing to take Looking at Classroom online [Learn more.](#)



My Year-at-a-Glance
*2014-2015
✓Second Year Participant

2nd Year Participants

To review the Second Year overview [click here.](#) Second year participants should be working on you selected component and your Core Professional Growth hours.



My Year-at-a-Glance
*2014-2015
✓Third Year Participant

Legacy Participants

To review the Third Year overview [click here.](#) Third year participants should be preparing to work on the Hero Project required volunteer hours. Watch for emails regarding upcoming events.

Full registrations are due October 31st. To go to the registration form [click here.](#) Remember to check in on the website frequently at www.stepstoquality.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

HAPPY AUTUMN

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."

Henry David Thoreau

UC Davis: Building Numeracy Skills and Beyond Nov 8th
2014 9:00am - 2:30pm offered by the Sonoma County Office of
Education [click here for more information](#)



LPC Offices are closed November 11th for Veterans Day.

The first Hero Project Hullabaloo is scheduled for November 19th - watch for more details

Next LPC Meeting is November 20th.

HOT TOPICS

in the Local and State Early Childhood Education Community

Building Partnerships: Guide to Relationships with Families (Office of Head Start)

By Maggie Severns / Politico

The Office of Head Start's National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (NCPFCE) recently published a new resource, Building Partnerships: Guide to Relationships with Families, which explores the role that positive goal-oriented relationships play in effective parent, family, and community engagement. It is intended for the Head Start and Early Head Start community and professionals in the early childhood field. It offers definitions, tools, and guides for reflective practice and supervision. See other recently published resources on NCPFCE's Family Engagement and School Readiness Web page.

[See the resource here.](#)





First 5 California "Anthem" TV Commercial 2014

Your words have the power to shape their world.

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Kids who are talked to early and often develop larger vocabularies, do better in school and make better choices. So start talking. It's free. It's easy. And something you can do anytime. - See more at: [First 5 California](#)

SB 837

Latest Developments by Shelly Mascari

When the School Year ended, we weren't sure where SB837 was going. There were MAJOR modifications to the Bill and the end result suggests very little changes to what we are currently doing. SB 837 appeared in the Governor's budget but is still in committee (as of September 9, 2014).

The Bill SB837 has been swept into the clean up Bill AB1480 and will require all TK teachers to have 24 ECE Units (but over a period of time). The Bill is specific with the language: TK teachers who are first assigned to a transitional kindergarten classroom after July 1, 2015, must have, by August 1, 2020, one of the following:

- (1) At least 24 units in early childhood education, or childhood development, or both.
- (2) As determined by the local educational agency employing the teacher, professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described in paragraph (1).
- (3) A child development teacher permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

I will be keeping a close eye on this throughout the month, but it will not affect what we are doing this year.

There have been no additional updates on the addition of LPC's to the budget language, which would require LPC's to provide quality improvement stipend programs similar to AB212 to TK teachers and TK teacher assistants. Lake County would receive an allocation of the \$10,000,000 set aside in the Budget Act of 2014 for this purpose. I will provide additional updates as they are available.

[Click here to see SB827 Updates](#)

Resources

Links and Information to assist you.

2013 Child Care Program Office Analysis

The analysis of the most common deficiencies cited in Infant and Preschool Child Care Centers is now available on the LPC Website. [View the list here.](#)

2013-2014 Zip Code Priorities

Access the 2013-2014 Zip Code Priorities [HERE](#) or on the LPC Website under Reports and Publications.



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Family Resource Guide**

- Child Care
- Health & Social Services
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- And More!

2014 Edition

The 2014 Lake County FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE is now available. [Click here to order guides for your program, download PDF or view online.](#) Spanish translation in process.

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