

CCPC Membership Application Responses, May - October, 2024

Applicant Name	Jessica Omar
Date of application	5/15/24
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Employer	Watershed Montessori School
Job Title	Co-Director
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Designated to represent employer?	Yes
Designated to represent another organization?	No
Membership Category	Child Care Provider
Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.	I am interested in becoming a member of the council because I am passionate about the care of young children. I am both a teacher and a parent of two children who attended preschool as young children. I am currently working to open a new ECE program here in Santa Rosa, Watershed Montessori School. I can offer perspective as both an experienced provider and as a new start-up provider in Sonoma County.
What experiences have you had that are relevant to child care or related fields (as a parent, provider, community member, etc.)?	I have been working in childcare since 2003. The majority of my experience is in private Montessori classrooms. I have also spent some time teaching as a long-term sub in the Tk-K class at Dunham Elementary.
What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?	I hope to make a positive contribution to the children in childcare programs in Sonoma County as well as the childcare professionals who serve them.

Application Status	recommended appointment. CCPC approved 9/6/24.
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Applicant Name	Manisha Gupta
Date of application	6/24/24
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Employer	CAP Sonoma
Job Title	ECE Director
Work Address	
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Email (work)	
Designated to represent employer?	Yes
Designated to represent another organization?	Yes (no organization named)
Membership Category	Child Care Provider
Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.	I am deeply interested in becoming a member of the Child Care Planning Council because I am passionate about staying current with all the information and developments that support early childhood education. My goal is to contribute by finding innovative ways to enhance the early childhood profession. I believe that by keeping up with the latest research, policies, and best practices, I can help advocate for and implement strategies that improve the quality of care and education

	for young children. My dedication to early childhood development and my proactive approach to continuous learning will be valuable assets to the council.
What experiences have you had that are relevant to child care or related fields (as a parent, provider, community member, etc.)?	I have been in the field of early childhood education as a provider for over 31 years. During this time, I have accumulated a wealth of experience by serving in various roles including teacher, mentor coach, area supervisor, education manager, program services director, and early childhood education director. Each of these roles has provided me with a deep understanding of the complexities and nuances of early childhood education. My extensive experience has equipped me with the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute effectively to any childcare setting, ensuring high-quality educational outcomes for young children.
What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?	I can help advocate for and implement strategies that improve the quality of care and education for young children and their families
Application Status	recommended appointment. CCPC approved 9/6/24.

Applicant Name	Lisa Grocott
Date of application	7/26/24
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Designated to represent employer?	No
Designated to represent another organization?	No
Membership Category	Community
Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.	I have spent many years serving on the Council and I would like to become a member again. I believe in the work being done and would be proud to be a part of it once again. I can contribute to work groups and bring the perspective of someone who works with early childhood programs and agencies both within Sonoma County and other counties as well
What experiences have you had that are relevant to child care or related fields (as a parent, provider, community member, etc.)?	I have worked in the field of Early Care and Education for thirty years, including twenty-five years at Head Start, the last ten years as Director of the program.
What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?	I want to advocate for children, families, and the amazing workforce of Sonoma County through contributing my time and effort at CCPC.
Application Status	recommended appointment. CCPC approved 9/6/24.

Applicant Name	Dr. Sheila Katz
Date of application	8/24/24
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Employer	1. Self Employed and 2. Santa Rosa city schools
Job Title	1. License psychologist/ Autism and special needs; 2. Behavior analyst
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Designated to represent employer?	Unsure at this time
Designated to represent another organization?	No
Membership Category	Public Agency Discretionary
Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.	As an early Interventionist with over 25 years in the field I know from experience the strength and meaning of focused attention on the early years of development
What experiences have you had that are relevant to child care or related fields (as a parent, provider, community member, etc.)?	1. Parent of three children who attended public education from preschool through high school graduation in Sonoma County; 2. Provider of early intervention assessment and intervention services in public schools and medical insurance sector
What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?	To be a part of a team, raising awareness and focusing efforts on the crucial early developmental years of our children, Particularly pertaining to neurodevelopmental differences
Application Status	recommended appointment. CCPC approved 9/6/24.

Applicant Name	Nicole Fassold
Date of application	10/7/24
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Job Title	Resource & Referral Director
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Designated to represent employer?	Yes
Designated to represent another organization?	No
Membership Category	Public Agency, Community, Discretionary
Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.	I am interested in being a member of the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council because I believe that I can make a positive impact on the council and our local community and early childhood educators. The issues that the council reviews are important to my role at 4Cs and to me personally as a parent and native Sonoma County community member. I am familiar with the council and have been involved directly and indirectly over several years in workgroups such as the Sonoma County Pilot and Parent Survey for Needs Assessment and UPK Mixed Delivery.
What experiences have you had that are relevant to child care or related fields (as a parent, provider, community member, etc.)?	As the Resource & Referral Director with the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs), I could share my knowledge of statewide resource and referral topics including trauma informed care, alternative payment programs, subsidized centers, and private providers issues that are affecting the climate of the early education workforce. I have over 20 years of experience working with families, childcare providers, case management, priority enrollment, local and state policy, in alternative payment program vouchers and subsidized centers. I have a great deal of passion for this field and care deeply about how to strengthen outcomes for families, children, and the provider business community.
What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?	As a council member, I would hope to gain additional knowledge from others while creating stronger relationships and networking with others who share interest in the council's work. My achievements would be measured by the success of my term on the council and ultimately, I hope to have the

	outcomes be improved for parents, children, childcare providers and all early educators in Sonoma County.
Application Status	recommended appointment. CCPC approved 11/1/24.

Applicant Name	Janel Plack
Date of application	7/31/24
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Job Title	Program Specialist
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Designated to represent employer?	Yes
Designated to represent another organization?	No
Membership Category	Public Agency
Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.	I am interested in sharing information about Early Childhood Education, especially as it relates to those children who have special needs. I am interested in partnering with other agencies supporting our young children in the community. I am interested in learning what is available to our young children and their families.
What experiences have you had that are relevant to child care or related fields (as a parent, provider, community member, etc.)?	My own children grew up in Sonoma County with child care and preschool so I have that parent experience. I have been a Special Educator for over 30 years with much experience in early childhood. I built the SPED ECE program for SRCS.

What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?	I would like to gain stronger partnerships between our school districts and other community organizations who all support our young children.
Application Status	Not recommended for appointment. This person requested to withdraw the application after submitting.

Applicant Name	Anna Garcia
Date of application	8/13/24
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Employer	Brush Creek Montessori School
Job Title	Lead Primary Teacher
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Designated to represent employer?	Unsure at this time
Designated to represent another organization?	No
Membership Category	Child Care Provider
Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.	I would like meet with other professionals in the early childhood field and discuss perspectives as well as current trends impacting the early childhood care sector. Having worked in the field since 2005, I can offer a unique perspective as a Montessori educator.
What experiences have you had that are relevant to child care or related fields (as a parent, provider, community member, etc.)?	Though most of my career in ECE has been in Montessori schools, I spent about 5 years outside of the Montessori field to explore traditional preschool philosophies and program implementations. It was in my time away from Montessori education that I was able to attend QRIS, teaching pyramid trainings that I found

	extremely useful upon re-entry into the Montessori field. My child is six years old now and attends a public Montessori charter school, of which I sit on the board of directors for the foundation which raises money for the school. I participate and organize school fundraisers as well as am a classroom lesson to the board of directors for my child's mixed age classroom ages 6-9.
What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?	By becoming a member of the council I would hope to represent my school and the Montessori philosophy in a positive light. It would be best if there were a variety of early childhood philosophies at the table - especially from a school that has been a pillar in the community for over 50 years.
Application Status	Not recommended for appointment. After submitting an application, the person was not responsive to communication attempts.

Applicant Name	Leah White
Date of application	9/11/24
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Designated to represent employer?	Unsure at this time
Designated to represent another organization?	No
Membership Category	Public Agency

<p>Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.</p>	<p>I would like to be part of the collaboration for supporting families and children regarding access to quality childcare and family support. I am currently in a new position with WUSD where we are striving to create a new career pathway in Early Childhood Education for high school students. We are teaming up with SRJC ECE faculty to accomplish this goal. By becoming involved in your council I hope to contribute ideas, and feedback as well as be a positive part of the council's work.</p>
<p>What experiences have you had that are relevant to child care or related fields (as a parent, provider, community member, etc.)?</p>	<p>"My experience in working with child care and related fields began over 25 years ago. After graduating from college I opened a small family daycare (near the JC in Santa Rosa). I deeply valued being a vital part of my client's lives and the lives of their children. After 3 years of providing in-home childcare, I moved to Ukiah, Ca. I attained my Site Supervisor Permit and ran the Mendocino County Office of Education State Preschool for 4 years. After that, I pursued my multiple-subject teaching credential and began teaching kindergarten. Over the following 20 years, I have taught many grade levels and now teach CTE- ECE to WHS students interested in careers in Early Childhood Education. Along my career path, I had my third child and needed childcare for her. The search for quality care was very difficult. I would love to be part of the childcare access solution."</p>
<p>What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?</p>	<p>I hope to gain the ability to be a part of a wonderful organization. An organization that prioritizes the importance of our families and children having access to high-quality childcare and family resources.</p>
<p>Application Status</p>	<p>Not recommended for appointment. This person requested to withdraw the application after submitting.</p>