

**CCPC Membership Applications**  
**BOS March 3, 2026**

Applicant Name	Kristina Sisseck
Employer	North Bay Children's Center
Job Title	Chief Programs Officer
Designated to represent employer?	yes
Designated to represent another organization?	no
Membership Category	Consumer
Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.	<p>I am deeply interested in serving on the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council because I believe high-quality early childhood education is foundational to the long-term well-being of our children, families, and communities. In my work with North Bay Children’s Center, I see every day how access to reliable, equitable, developmentally grounded care can transform a child’s trajectory and provide essential support for working families. I want to help ensure that these opportunities are available to all families across Sonoma County—not just those who already have the resources or information to navigate the system.</p> <p>In addition to my professional experience, I currently serve as a member of the Marin Child Care Commission, which has given me valuable insight into county-level planning, governance, and collaborative problem-solving. This experience has strengthened my understanding of the policy landscape and the importance of cross-county coordination. I would bring this knowledge to the Sonoma County Council, along with a commitment to aligning regional efforts to support children, families, and providers.</p> <p>I also participate in this work as a parent of a two-year-old with special needs living in Rohnert Park, which gives me a deeply personal connection to the challenges families face when seeking child care. Over the past year, I have been navigating the inclusion landscape, coordinating services, advocating for accommodations, and working to identify programs equipped to support my child’s developmental needs. This firsthand experience has shown me how difficult it can be for families to find care that is not only available and affordable but also inclusive, high-quality, and responsive to diverse needs. This dual perspective, as both an early childhood professional and</p>

	<p>a parent actively navigating the system, intensifies my commitment to building stronger, more accessible, and more inclusive early learning opportunities. I believe this perspective will allow me to contribute meaningfully to the Council's efforts and help elevate community awareness of the complex child care issues facing local families.</p> <p>I feel I can contribute several strengths to the Council's work:</p> <p>A program-level perspective: My day-to-day work provides firsthand insight into the needs of early learning programs, teachers, and families—ranging from workforce development and funding stability to inclusive practices and family engagement.</p> <p>A commitment to equity and access: I am passionate about expanding opportunities for children from underserved communities and ensuring that planning decisions reflect the diverse voices and realities of Sonoma County families.</p> <p>Collaborative experience: I value cross-agency partnership and have a history of working alongside community organizations, school districts, and family support providers with a collaborative, solutions-oriented mindset.</p> <p>A focus on quality improvement: I am committed to strengthening the early learning workforce and promoting evidence-based practices that support healthy development, social-emotional growth, and school readiness.</p> <p>Serving on the Council would allow me to bring my professional knowledge, collaborative experience, and personal commitment to a broader countywide effort. I would be honored to help shape policies and strategies that support all children and families in Sonoma County.</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>I bring a combination of professional, community, and personal experiences that deeply connect me to the field of child care. Professionally, my work with North Bay Children's Center has given me extensive, hands-on experience with the daily operations of early learning programs, the challenges faced by educators, and the needs of families seeking high-quality care. I support efforts related to workforce development, program quality, inclusive practices, and family engagement, giving me a strong understanding of the systemic issues that shape early childhood education.</p> <p>I also serve as a member of the Marin Child Care Commission, where I participate in county-level planning, policy discussions, and collaborative work focused on strengthening early learning systems. This role has broadened my perspective on regional child care issues and the importance of coordinated, community-centered solutions.</p>

	<p>In addition to my professional involvement, I engage in this work as a parent of a two-year-old with special needs living in Sonoma County. Over the past year, I have been actively navigating the inclusion system—working with service providers, advocating for accommodations, and searching for child care programs equipped to support my child’s developmental needs. This personal experience has given me a deep understanding of the barriers families face related to availability, affordability, program readiness, and specialized support. It has also strengthened my commitment to ensuring that all families, especially those with unique needs, have access to inclusive, high-quality early learning opportunities.</p> <p>Together, these experiences—as a provider, commissioner, and parent, allow me to bring a well-rounded and informed perspective to the child care field and to the work of the Council.</p>
<p>What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?</p>	<p>By becoming a member of the Council, I hope to contribute to meaningful, countywide progress in expanding access to high-quality, inclusive early learning opportunities for all families in Sonoma County. At the same time, I hope to gain a deeper understanding of the local child care landscape, including the policy, funding, and workforce challenges that shape the experiences of families and providers.</p> <p>I would like to strengthen partnerships across agencies, organizations, and school districts, and to help elevate the voices of families, especially those navigating complex needs such as inclusion and early intervention. As a parent of a young child with special needs, I hope to bring greater visibility to the barriers families face when seeking appropriate and accessible care, and to work collaboratively toward solutions that ensure every child can thrive.</p> <p>I also hope to bring my experience from the Marin Child Care Commission to support regional alignment and shared learning between counties. Ultimately, my goal is to contribute to creating a more equitable, coordinated, and sustainable early childhood system, while continuing to grow my own knowledge and leadership within the field.</p>
<p>Application Status</p>	<p><b>recommended appointment.</b> CCPC approved 2/6/26.</p>

Applicant Name	Heather Muntzer
Employer	Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County
Job Title	Executive Director
Designated to represent employer?	Yes
Designated to represent another organization?	No
Membership Category	Consumer
Please describe your interest in being a member of the Council. Be sure to mention what you feel you could contribute.	As a JCC (apart of a national network), ECE is a primary focus of the JCC's "cradle to grave" approach to developing and supporting community. While we are only three years into running this version of a preschool, we are really just carrying the torch for 40 years of child care service in Sonoma County. As the ECE program that ran at Beth Ami for decades now continues (along with its founders and stakeholders) under our umbrella. As Executive Director, I would be able to reference and represent this local sector knowledge. I would also be able to draw upon the more recent insight of having opened a new preschool site post covid and our learnings from taking the school from 0 to 22 enrolled families in just a few years.
What experiences have you had that are relevant to child care or related fields (as a parent, provider, community member, etc.)?	I am the Executive Director of the JCC, initially brought on to develop the strategic plan for our new preschool and now overseeing all JCC Programs including the future plans for our 0-5 programming. I have been working in the intersection of education and nonprofits for twenty years. I am also a Mom of two young children who recently both attended preschool in Sonoma County. I served on the Board of Directors of one of my son's preschools and sent my son as the first enrollee in the second (JCC SoCo).
What would you hope to gain or achieve by becoming a member of the Council?	As an organization we are invested in the strategic success of ECE resources in Sonoma County. We would like to connect our resources and insight, and align our plans for improved efficacy and impact for families with children 0-5.
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CCPC Membership Categories	
Child Care Consumer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sarah Bellak</li> <li>2. Kristina Sisseck (new member)</li> <li>3. Heather Muntzer (new member)</li> </ol>
Child Care Provider	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jessica Borland</li> <li>2. Cathy Vaughn</li> <li>3. Jessica Omar</li> <li>4. Jason Riggs (category change)</li> </ol>
Public Agency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jenn Perez</li> <li>2. Chris Sorg</li> <li>3. Vivian Xiang</li> <li>4. Leslie Corral Cisneros</li> <li>5. Lara Brown</li> </ol>
Community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Soledad Figueroa</li> <li>2. Kathleen Kelley</li> <li>3. Stephen Zollman</li> <li>4. Manisha Gupta</li> <li>5. Pamela Cullum</li> </ol>
Discretionary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nicole Fassold</li> <li>2. Sonya Valiente</li> <li>3. Lisa Grocott</li> <li>4. Dr. Sheila Katz</li> </ol>
Total members = 21	