

Child, Family, & Education Studies Department Annual Advisory Council Meeting

October 17, 2024
12:00PM via Zoom



Attendees: Amanda Andrade, Nancy Duran, Ancelma Sanchez, Carolina Alvarez (LACOE), Marcia Cagigas (ELAC CDC), Caroline Jen, Graciela Ceja, Lupe Granados, Margaret Ozuna, Brigette Thompson, Mary Contreras(ELAC LCTA), Anna Ayala Ruiz, Alicia Mendiola, Allison Tilman (City of LA Dept Rec & Park), Kay Manning, Andrew Arreguin (Biola University), Bernadette Reyes, Christi Min (Biola University), Elvia Banuelos, Jocelyn Barboz (QSLA-Options for Learning), Joni Meyers (CELA, Community of East Los Angeles), Karla Martinez (Childcare Manager Hope St Family Center), Lacey Evangelista, Lisa Hutton (CSUDH, Liberal Art), Marsie Mendibles, Maya Gallegos (ELAC CDC), Mimi Kuan (Bright Horizons), Monica Rollins (Vista Village), Reyna Valadez, Rowena Mitchell (LAEP), Susan Shiells (School on Wheels), Angie Toledo, Jacqueline Zavala, Alexandra Chanax, Rokeya Rahman.

Introduction & CFES at ELAC

Amanda convened the Fall Advisory Meeting, stressing its importance in understanding community needs and improving support for partners. She introduced colleagues Rokeya Rahman, Vice Chair and Marsie Mendibles Koester, Instructional Aide and Full Time Faculty who will present today.

Department Updates

- Fall 24 – The CFES department has a total of 4267 students currently enrolled in courses.
- Curriculum: New Certificates and courses:
 - Assessment Tools Certification and course CH DEV 054
 - Lifespan Nutrition Certificate
 - Equity and Social Justice Certificate and course CH DEV 040
- Courses offered fully in Spanish

- Apprenticeship Grant and Program/Contract - ELAC was awarded 1.3 million dollars to fund the new apprenticeship grant
- Upcoming Father Engagement Project and connection with Men in ECE

CFES Workforce Lab

Marsie Mendibles introduced the workforce lab services include tutoring services, professional development workshops, child development focused workshops, textbook rental, permit assistance, certificates and career guidance. She shared her flyer and answered questions.

Student-Parent Toy Drive will be happening on December 7th at ELAC. We are accepting donations (new and lightly used) of toys and gifts as well as the event being open to students (present and former) to receive the gift for their family.

Higher Education Partners

Lisa Hutton- CSUDH: Spring 2025 application deadline is December 2nd. Open House will be November 1st. PK3 credential pathway through Child Development and Liberal Studies are approved.

Christi Min- Biola University. CTC approved PK-3 credential pathway. \$126,000 scholarships are available. Information session happening, tomorrow October 18. Andrew Arregin launched both programs.

Aligning Initiatives

1. Dual Language Education Certificate Program connected to the CSULA Dual Language Teacher Preparation Pathway
2. Free or low-cost textbook options for students, more courses will be offered with OER resources since students have challenges purchasing textbooks
3. Infant and Toddler Focused Degree Program. We are looking for a degree to keep up with demand and need in our communities. If you have any suggestions let us know.
4. Improving our classroom and lab spaces for increased student access and learning opportunities – we believe environment makes a big difference in the learning process.
5. Better Marketing of our courses and programs have been develop in our department. Suggestions are welcome from partners!

ELAC Advisory Meeting Discussion of Community Needs:

Advisory Recommendations

1. Vista Village- All licensed centers and home-based centers will now require a degree in child development or an associate teacher permit.
2. Active supervising workshop recommendations from CDC at ELAC. Incorporate pre-practicum activities with children.
3. Collaborate with CELA to present either a panel discussion or a Fair that features the vast variety of positions available in ECE and related fields.
4. Panel: Careers other than teaching & or ECE field through museum education.
5. Sociology or counseling to provide Art therapy for our students.
6. Provide additional “fieldwork” classes through the LAUSD occupational classes
7. Curriculum materials provided in our workshops given by collaboration with SELA... extra goodies that classes may not have time to provide.
8. Parent engagement and classroom management skills.
9. The importance of interactions! That all teachers including assistant teachers that all interactions matter
10. The need for Spanish courses is great for our family childcare providers that are seeking higher education.
11. Emotional Intelligence based workshops.

Microsoft Forms Responses Below:

5. Would your organization be interested in allowing Practicum Students (those at the end of their AA education) to come volunteer and/or work at your licensed care center for up to 108 hours during a college semester?



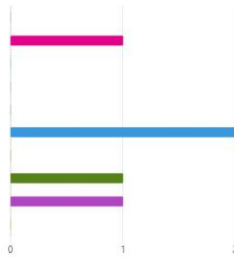
6. What workshops or trainings do you feel that your staff members need to be ready for the workforce?

4 Responses

Latest Responses
"Parent engagement, classroom management, staff camaraderie"
"What are interactions with children"
...

7. What courses or specialties do you prefer your staff to have?

STEAM	0
Assessment Tools	1
Nutrition	0
STEAM	0
Technology	0
Infants and Toddlers	2
Licensing requirements	0
Children with Special Needs	1
Play-based Teaching Models	1
Trauma Informed Care	0

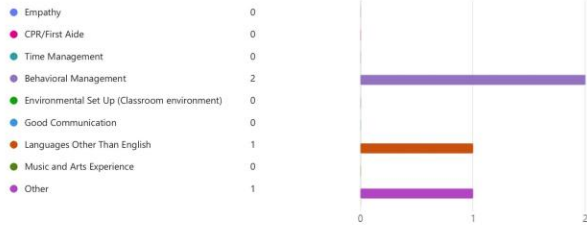


8. What technology, tools, or equipment does your center use (or are thinking of using) that we could train students about?

4 Responses

Latest Responses
"Creative Curriculum, DRDP, CLASS"
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9. Are you looking for new staff? If so, what hard or skills/competencies do they need to have?



10. What else would you like to share with us? Are we missing any vital programming that would serve your organization? Could ELAC support your program in any way?

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Responses

Latest Responses

- "This advisor meeting was amazing, loved all the resources that were shared, espe..."
 - "We would love to have students complete their practicum within our the City of L..."
 - "Continuing to provide on going Spanish courses really allows Family child care pr..."
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Responses Overview Active

Responses 6	Average Time 31:04	Duration 21 Days
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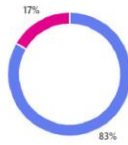
1. What is the organization that you represent?

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Responses

Latest Responses
"Education"
"City of Los Angeles Dept. Rec & Parks - Child Care"
"Options for Learning"
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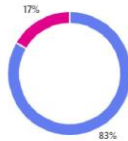
2. Does your organization serve children and families with direct childcare services?

● Yes 5
● No 1



3. Does your organization serve children and families in other ways than childcare?

● Yes 5
● No 1



4. What age ranges do you serve in your site?

● Infants and Toddlers 3
● Toddlers 3
● Preschool 4
● TK or above 1
● Children and Families of various ages 1

