



Early Childhood Funders Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

10:00 am-1:30 pm

IN PERSON and ZOOM MEETING

→ 10:00-10:20 am: Meet, greet, coffee 10:20 am-1:30 pm: Meeting

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!

SF Department of Early Childhood, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 312

If you are unable to attend in person, zoom info is below

A G E N D A

Introductions/Welcome to Amber/Goodbye to Fran	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ECF Leadership Team/All	10:20–10:45
POLICY, PROGRAM and JOINT FUNDING IDEAS <u>Federal and State Policy updates</u> <u>ECF projects/funding updates</u> <i>(more info in progress report)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">ACEs ProjectRacial Equity, Huddles–next steps to be determined with LT/AmberECF funding <u>Funding partner requests</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">DACA Initiative (Katherine Gin, DACA Legalization Project/Crankstart)EC Leaders of Color/Promise Venture (Christine Thorsteinson, SVCf)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Laurie Furstenfeld, Child Care Law CenterECF Leadership Team/in progress report ECF Leadership Team/All	10:45–11:15 11:15–11:25 11:25–11:40
BREAK		11:40–11:45
A CONVERSATION: Early Childhood Compensation and Alternative Methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none">OverviewBarriers and opportunitiesA model exampleRole of funders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeanna Capito, P5 Fiscal StrategiesNancy Harvey, Child Care Providers UnitedMeenoo Yashar, SF Dept of Early ChildhoodPanel moderated by September Jarrett, Heising Simons Foundation	11:45–12:50
<u>Next meetings and topics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Next dates: May 20, October 16, 2025◆ May topic focus: early childhood mental health/trauma informed practice for children 0-3◆ October meeting selection: EC policy shifts given the new administration coupled with parent/provider advocacy◆ Location and time: May 20 (can anyone host?)		12:50–1:00
Lunch	<i>Continued dialogue with the presenters</i>	1:00–1:30

For an ECF membership list, Racial Equity Framework, or other ECF materials please go to: www.earlychildhoodfunders.org.

Phone: 202.256.3547 Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85661774926?pwd=rUVlsbJhBWZvZFEtJkZu7aGbKXH.1>

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Bios

Jeanna Capito is co-founder and principal of Prenatal to Five Fiscal Strategies. Jeanna has been working in the prenatal to five field for over 25 years with experience including the management of child care programming, Early Head Start, Head Start, developmentally oriented pediatrics, national home visiting models, and child welfare programming. Jeanna has focused on the development of state and local initiatives to increase quality of programs, access by families and capacity of professionals and communities through systems change across social services agencies, education systems, home visiting services, public health programming and healthcare systems.

Jeanna has a strong working knowledge of both state and local systems, including work on policies and recommendations to ensure that systems at each level inform one another and are built in response to the characteristics of each other. Jeanna has built cost estimation tools for comprehensive Head Start hub models, home visiting and parenting education systems of care, and early care and education program and infrastructure components and also developed a staffed family child care network model for the U.S. Office of Child Care. Jeanna's work includes building on her expertise in budget creation and management, and ability to build the complementary fiscal, governance and management systems that support collaboration and program implementation.

Meenoo Yashar is the Deputy Director for the Early Learning Division within the San Francisco Department of Early Childhood. The Early Learning Division (ELD) provides oversight for initiatives, funding, and policy that focus on Access and Enrollment, Quality Early Care and Education, and Workforce Compensation and Development.

Meenoo received her B.A. in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Child Development and M.A. in Social Justice/Clinical Psychology and LMFT through New College of California. Meenoo's professional interest and passion has always been to work in the service of young children. She has over 30 years of experience in progressive educational management and leadership, including San Francisco Unified School District as Chief of the Early Education Department.

Meenoo's career trajectory started in community-based settings as an Early Educator, Director, and Child and Family Therapist. The experiences gained through direct services work, influenced and shaped the later systems-level leadership roles, which offered opportunities towards a broader positive impact for young children and their families. Meenoo lives in Brisbane with her husband Dave and two boys: Kaleb, who is attending city college, and Darius, who is a junior at Westmoor H.S. Her favorite things to do are finding a good book to get lost in and attending live music concerts.

Nancy Harvey is a veteran childcare provider of 20 years, serving families and children in the West Oakland Community. Her experience in child care includes working with our youngest learners, ensuring that the children in her child care are kept safe, nurtured, and educated, along with matriculating successfully to preschool. During "Ms. Nancy's" 20 years of service, she has served subsidized and privately paid families. In June 2015, she testified before the California State Assembly and Public Safety Committee to ensure that childcare providers were adequately trained to become mandated reporters. Governor Jerry Brown signed the law on October 1, 2015, and it became effective January 1, 2016.

Ms. Nancy and others were dedicated pioneers in forming the California childcare provider union, which took approximately 16 years. During this period, she met with countless legislators, both locally and nationally, to help form the union. On February 6, 2020, she testified in front of the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Early Childhood Elementary and Secondary Education, where she discussed the childcare crisis for California and the entire nation and the importance of having a union for childcare providers. Locally, as the childcare ecosystem was building the groundwork in Alameda County to form the Measure A Initiative, Ms. Nancy met with several Alameda County supervisors, telling her story and ensuring their support to get it on the ballot. When the measure did not pass, it was reintroduced, partnered with Oakland Children's Hospital, and then renamed Measure C. There were many volunteer hours of door-knocking and phone banking for Alameda County residents to convince voters to vote Yes on Measure C. This was part of Ms. Nancy's weekly routine of convincing voters until the measure was voted on.

This past May 2024, she was honored at the S.E.I.U. International Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for her hard work and other union members who went the extra mile to support CCPU's fight for a retirement fund. Historically, the Retirement Fund is the only kind in the United States for childcare providers. She currently serves as a Trustee for the CCPU Retirement Fund. Ms. Nancy is also a member of numerous organizations and committees including SEIU Local 521 and C.C.P.U. (Child Care Providers United), Alameda County Representative of C.C.P.U, Board Member of Bananas Resource and Referral Agency, Oakland Smart and Strong Policy Committee, and Commissioner for Measure C, Community Advisory Council.