

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Advisory Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025
3:30- 4:30pm
Lake Tahoe Community College
Zoom

Attendees:

Brad Deeds (Dean of Workforce Development & Instruction/LTCC), Sara Hunter (Administrative Assistant/LTCC), Leslie Amato (Director/LTCC Childhood Development Center and Tahoe Parents Nursery School), Madison Aquino (Early Learning Workforce Coordinator/EDCOE), Shauna Sexton (ECE Apprenticeship Program/EDCOE), Chistine Quintas (Specialist/LTCC CDC), Cascade Bishop (ECE PT Faculty/LTCC), and Nicole Bergner (Career Counselor/LTCC)

Partner/Member Updates:

El Dorado County Office of Education:

- The apprenticeship program is proud to report that 16 apprentices will be receiving permits
- After the success of the first cohort, they would like to expand and add an Art program
- The program has a strong focus on curriculum in the classroom
- Apprenticeship Program offers live translation, which has been beneficial to their growth
- Recruitment for the next cohort is on-going with a start date in August 2025

CDC & TPNS:

- Continuing to be part of the Early Learning Planning Council; advocating for the field and building a strong workforce
- Has been successful at building connections within the community
- TPNS is currently at full enrollment
- 2 classified employment opportunities are currently available
- Have been able to expand outreach efforts to student parents thanks to the Childcare Access Means Parents In School (CCAMPIS) grant funding

LTCC:

- Excited to have Cascade Bishop as a new face-to-face instructor for Early Childhood Education
- Have seen a slight up-tick in enrollments, including more men registering for ECE courses
- Supports diversity in the industry and working on removing barriers
- Utilizes software that course content can be loaded into to help support non-English native speakers understand course material

Program Updates:

Brad Deeds shared and reviewed the Annual Program Review

Perkins: No updates.

Adjournment