**AV ECE FORUM I**

**Friday, July 21, 2017**

**5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Palmdale Learning Plaza | 38043 Division Lane Palmdale, CA 93551**

**Goals:**

1. Increase community awareness about the ECE system and the state of services in Los Angeles County and the Antelope Valley
2. Learn ways to get involved in the ECE movement to put children first
3. Inform the ECE movement so it is responsive to current family needs

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| **Agenda Item** | **Lead** |
| 1. **Welcome**

**Objective: Provide welcome, context, event’s goals, and introduce partners and guests.**AVPH opens the event by:1. Welcoming everyone
2. Provide context behind the event
3. Reviewing the goals of the event (see above)
4. Introduces partners (CCRC, LAPAI) and guest speakers (from the Learning Policy Institute and the County of Los Angeles Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education)
5. LAPAI introduces itself to the AV community and its campaign to lift community voices in the ECE movement

Transition: “Now that we have introduced ourselves, we want to learn more about who is in the room tonight, so Michele will lead an icebreaker.”Other titles:LAPAI: **Araceli Sandoval-Gonzalez**, Consultant for the Los Angeles Preschool Advocacy InitiativeJasmin Avilez, Child Care Resource Center | Facilitator:Araceli SimeonAVPH: **Michelle Fluke**, Executive Director**Tiffany Franklin**Director of Building Community Capacity**Rocio Castellanos**10 min5:00 – 5:10 pm |
| 1. **Icebreaker**

**Objective: Presenters learn who their audience is to tailor messages and make connections between their presentations and the audience.**Asks a series of ECE-related questions and request members to raise their hand or stand up to answer the question so everyone can see who is in the audience.  Transition: “Thank you for participating in this exercise. We see many of you are experiencing difficulty in securing childcare or preschool services, and we want to assure you that you are not alone. To shed some light as to why this may be happening, next we’ll be learning about the various programs and funding sources that make up the ECE system…” | **Michele Sartell**10 min5:35 – 5:45 pm |
| 1. **ECE Landscape**

**Goal: Highlight the patchwork of programs and funding sources so the audience gets a glimpse on the complexity of the issue.** **Recommendation: Do not go into the details of each program.** 1. Provide an overview on the patchwork of programs (as the local, county, and state level) that makes up the early childhood education services for children in California focusing on the funding sources. (20 min)
2. Highlight takeaways or key messages:
3. As individuals, parents need to know how to navigate the system. Being denied in one program doesn’t meant they are denied in all of them.
4. As advocates, they to understand the system to identify their target(s) and inform their strategies.
5. Highlight
6. Ask participants to submit questions/comments on index cards.
7. Facilitate a Q&A session (forum style) (10 min)

Transition: “Okay, now that you have a general understanding of the ECE landscape in California, let’s review data to learn about the need and access to ECE services in the county and the Antelope Valley.”   | **Roberto Viramontes** Senior Policy AdvisorLearning Policy Institute30 min5:45-6:15 pm |
| 1. **AV Data**

**Goal: Share the latest data on ECE services, especially as it relates to access and affordability. Mention the importance of quality, but only cover the concept broadly.**1. Sets context and provide background on the study
2. Reviews main findings from the Needs Assessment related to access and affordability
3. Presents AV data
4. Allows members to discuss findings/data at their tables
5. Facilitates a group share out to learn about reactions and answer questions about the study

Transition: “We hope the data helps you identify ECE priority areas for the Antelope Valley. Data can help you advocate for changes in your community. Our next presenters will provide information about what you can do to get involved in the movement to improve access to ECE services in the AV.”  | **Michele Sartell**Child Care Planning Coordinator,County of LA Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education30 min 6:15 – 6:45 pm |
| 1. **Next Steps: Continuous Engagement**

**Objective: Provide information about ways to get involved in the movement to improve access to ECE in the AV and increase the importance the issue for candidates running for key political offices in California.**1. Promote Forum II
2. Promote CCRC’s advocacy training starting in August
3. Discuss LAPAI’s plans for 2017-2018
4. Promote the voter registration drive happening on the spot
 | AVPH / CCRC7 min6:45 – 6:52 pm |
| 1. **Closing**

**Objective: Thank everyone for their time and contributions.** Create a sense of urgency to prioritize ECE: Where does it lie within our priorities?1. Thank everyone
2. Evaluation Form

**Close the event stressing that this is one of several events to come, as AV Best Start is gearing up their advocacy in 2017-2018 and we everyone to join the movement.** | AVPH8 min6:52 – 7:00 pm |