



**COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
 5:30 P.M. – Dinner  
 6:00 P.M. – Meeting

FRANKLIN HEAD START  
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**AGENDA**

	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Page</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla		
II. ROLL CALL	Jasmine Arreola		
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla	Approval	
IV. FRESNO EOC PROGRAM REPORT – CENTRAL VALLEY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING	Evelyn Gonzalez	Information	
V. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2026	Community Reps	Information	
VI. FRESNO EOC COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025	Aldo Alvarado Rebolledo	Approval	
VII. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2025	Joann Espinoza	Approval	
VIII. IN-KIND MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025	Alison Tatem	Information	
IX. ACTION ITEMS			
A. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Reports For November 2025	Isabel Rivera/ Justine Avina	Approval	
B. Head Start 0 to 5 Program Update Report (PUR) For November 2025	Michael Balderas	Approval	
X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS			
A. Full Enrollment Initiative/Change of Scope Updates	Sara Juarez/ Olga Jalomo-Ramirez	Information	
B. Personnel Committee Report for November 2025	Domenica Goff	Information	
C. State of California Department of Social Services (CDSS) CCTR 2026-2027 Continued Funding Application	Joyell Anda-Catone	Information	
D. Mental Health Inclusion Services Area	Isabel Marmolejo	Information	
XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS	Raul Garcia	Information	
A. January 4, 2026 – Food Distribution			
B. January 19, 2026 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday			
C. February 3, 2026 – Next County-Wide Policy Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.			
XII. ADJOURNMENT	Meagan Esqueda Bonilla	Approval	



This funding supports personnel and operating expenses totaling \$47,579,061 (\$38,504,223 – HS, \$323,827 – Head Start T&TA, \$8,577,640 – Early Head Start, \$173,371 – Early Head Start T&TA, and the Non-Federal Share match is \$11,894,766. (\$9,707,013 – HS; \$2,187,753 – EHS) for the Fiscal year.

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Status Reports for October 2025 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Verenice Tenorio. Motion carried.

IN-KIND MONTHLY  
STATUS REPORT FOR  
OCTOBER 2025

Alfonso Lopez, Family Engagement/Volunteer Services (FE/VS) Coordinator, informed Representatives that the supporting documents attached is intended to keep the CWPC apprised of the In-Kind Monthly Status Report for October 2025.

The In-Kind Monthly Summary report for the month of October 2025 consists of \$545,571 for HS and \$930,728 for EHS.

Year-to-Date Non-Federal share for Head Start and Early Head Start from January to October 2025 In-Kind is \$10,069,687 (\$5,304,623 HS; \$4,765,064 EHS). This indicates that Head Start 0 to 5 has met 85% of the \$11,894,766 Non-Federal share goal.

AVERAGE DAILY  
ATTENDANCE (ADA)  
REPORTS FOR  
OCTOBER 2025

Justine Avina, EHS HB Representative, informed the CWPC of the ADA Reports for the month of October 2025 for Head Start 0 to 5. Head Start's monthly ADA for October 2025 for Center Based was 84.36%. Head Start Home Based visits completed were 360. Early Head Start's monthly ADA for October 2025 for Center Based was 83.27%. Total EHS Home Based visits completed were 958.

Motion to approve the ADA Reports for October 2025 was made by Elizabeth Ortega and seconded by Mariana Mena. Motion carried.

HEAD START 0 TO 5  
PROGRAM UPDATE  
REPORT (PUR) FOR  
OCTOBER 2025

Michael Balderas, Head Start Director, spoke about the highlights of the program for the month of October 2025. Due to the government shut down that began on October 1, 2025, there was no communication and guidance from the United States Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary.

On October 2, 2025, the Local Education Agencies (LEA) Collaboration Meeting took place in the Executive Board Room. October 6-9, 2025, nine employees attended the Annual ChildPlus Scramble in Las Vegas, Nevada. Parents attended the Annual Program Governance Training at Franklin Head Start. The Annual Father Conference took place on October 25, 2025, at Franklin HS.

Motion to approve the Head Start 0 to 5 Program Update Report (PUR) for the month of October 2025 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Brianna Jaurique. Motion Carried.

EARLY HEAD  
START/HEAD START  
PROGRAM SCHOOL  
READINESS GOALS  
2025-2026

Felicia Amescua, School Readiness Mentor/Coach Coordinator, stated per Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) Achieving program goals requires all agencies to establish school readiness goals. The goals must be aligned with the HSPPS and align with the Assessment Tools: Home Based Early Head Start uses the Infant Toddler/Developmental Assessment (IDA). Center Based Early Head Start and Head Start uses the Desired Results Profile 2015 (DRDP).

There are 5 goals that the program strives for:

- Goal 1: Children will demonstrate age appropriate positive approaches toward learning.
- Goal 2: Children will demonstrate age appropriate positive social behavior, emotion regulation and emotion well-being.
- Goal 3: Children will demonstrate age appropriate positive communication, language and emergent literacy skills.
- Goal 4: Children will demonstrate age appropriate positive general cognitive skills.
- Goal 5: Children will demonstrate age appropriate positive health and physical development.

There are 3 periods of aggregated data to form a report demonstrating the children’s progress in each goal, by percentages. The information will be presented to Shared Governance in July each year.

Motion to approve the Early Head Start/Head Start Program School Readiness Goals 2025-2026 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Crystal Arellano. Motion carried.

NON-FEDERAL SHARE  
WAIVER REQUEST FOR  
FY 2025

Michael Balderas, Head Start Director, stated staff recommends CWPC review and approval of the Non-Federal Share Waiver Request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. In accordance with the Head Start Act, federal financial assistance to a grant recipient will not exceed 80 percent of the approval total program cost. A grant recipient must contribute 20 percent as non-federal match each budget period. The 20 percent contribution must be met by non-federal share sources, such as community support, state and local funding, or in-kind contributions like volunteer and donated goods.

The annual non-federal share requirement is \$11,894,766. Head Start and Early Head Start respectfully request a waiver for the non-federal share match for this budget period Fiscal Year 2025 (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025) in the total amount of \$2,013,937.35. As of October 2025, Head Start and Early Head Start have generated a combined total of \$10,069,686.77 in non-federal share. Based on current performance, our annualized projection is \$12,083,624.12; however, as a precaution, the program is requesting a waiver, should we fall short of our annual non-federal share requirement due to unanticipated challenges.

Motion to approve the Non-Federal Share Waiver Request for FY 2025 was made by Mariana Mena seconded by Elaine Melendez. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE REPORT  
FOR OCTOBER 2025

Meagan Esqueda Bonilla, CWPC Chairperson, stated the Personnel Committee report consists of a list of: Hiring/Personnel Action Positions, Resignations/ Separations, Promotion/Status Change, and Job Descriptions for Positions for the month. All promotions, transfers, separations, and new hires are to be presented to the CWPC monthly, as an informational item.

For the month of October 2025 there were 7 Hiring/Personnel Action Positions (4 pending), 10 Promotions/Status Changes (1 pending), 4 Resignations/ Separations and no updated Job Descriptions.

HEAD START AND  
EARLY HEAD START  
STRENGTHS, NEEDS  
AND INTERESTS  
PARENT SURVEY (SNIP)  
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Olga Jalomo-Ramirez, Family/Community Services Manager, stated every year the SNIP survey is distributed at the beginning of the school year to inform staff of the family's strengths, needs and interests. This year, the SNIP surveys were distributed to parents on September 8, 2025, with a deadline for returning them by October 10, 2025. A total of 1,714 surveys were distributed, and a total of 911 surveys were collected.

The survey is provided in English and Spanish. The report presents a snapshot of the opinions and experiences of the parents and guardians of Fresno County. The outcomes of this report should be used as one of many tools to guide the program planning process.

Section I collects demographic information such as role, age and how long the child/children have been enrolled in the program.

Section II indicates the percentage of families vulnerable or in-crisis. Food and employment were the top two selected crisis.

Section III indicates which topics parents want more information on, such as how to get their child ready for kindergarten and how to help their child cope with change.

Section IV calculated the frequency of activities per week for how often parents/guardians read to their children, read to themselves for fun, sing with their children, etc.

Section V calculated the percentages of parents who would like to help the program during or after program hours.

Guadalupe Zuniga, Home Based Services Manager, reviewed the information for EHS's SNIP survey results.

ERSEA PRESENTATION

Sara Juarez, ERSEA Coordinator, informed the CWPC that the acronym ERSEA stands for Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance.

Ms. Juarez presented an overview of the Selection process for Head Start 0 to 5. She explained that the Selection Criteria form is used to determine which child will be offered the next available enrollment opportunity. Points are assigned based on factors such as age, family income, homelessness, foster care status, and other relevant criteria.

Ms. Juarez also shared that over the next several CWPC meetings, she will provide presentations focusing on each component of ERSEA.

FULL ENROLLMENT  
INITIATIVE/CHANGE OF  
SCOPE UPDATES

Sara Juarez, ERSEA Coordinator, explained per HSPPS requirements, a program must maintain its funded enrollment and fill any vacancy as soon as possible – no later than 30 days. The recruitment data attached includes our recruitment efforts up to November 13, 2025. Head Start Center Based has 1,025 children enrolled. Head Start Home Based has 81 children enrolled. Early Head Start Center Based has 73 children enrolled. Early Head Start Home Based has 246 children enrolled. This gives us a total of 1,425 children enrolled in Head Start 0 to 5.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raul Garcia, Historian, made the following Announcements:

- A. December 10, 2025 – ERSEA Committee Meeting at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- B. December 12, 2025 – Last day of classes for Center Based (3.5, 6 and 7.5-hour class) and Home Based due to Winter Break
- C. December 19, 2025 – Last day of classes for EHS Center Based (10-hour class) due to Winter Break
- D. December 22, 2025 – January 9, 2026 – Early Head Start Center Based closed
- E. December 25, 2025, and January 1, 2026 – CSPP Full-Day and CCTR closed
- F. January 6, 2026 – Next County-Wide Policy Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. – Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.
- G. January 12, 2026 – Center Based classes (3.5, 6 and CSPP 7.5-hour class) resume for Center Based and Home Based classes

Mr. Alvarado Rebolledo encouraged CWPC Representatives to learn the and use the CWPC Representative Report, and to share its information at Local Parent Meetings (LPM) to keep parents well-informed about program updates.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Verence Tenorio and seconded by Mariana Mena. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted By:

Brionna Warren  
Secretary I

(CWPC MINUTES DECEMBER 2 2025 - FINAL) bw 12/15/25 ~ CWPC (2025-2026 (CWPC MINUTES) ~