

**Agenda Item 9**
May 4, 2016

DATE: April 26, 2016

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: *Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow* Children's Summit

ACTION: Receive report on the *Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow* Children's Summit Planning Process.

SUMMARY:

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County has planned the *Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow* Children's Summit scheduled for May 6, 2016. The Summit is intended to raise the awareness of the importance of investments in early child development for future workforce development and economic growth. The Summit will mark the first countywide discussion of the 2015 Early Development Index (EDI) results. This agenda item is an update on the planning for Children's Summit.

DISCUSSION:

The Commission's Business Plan includes a strategic intent statement to "focus on community learning and advancement of knowledge." One of the activities to achieve this strategic intent is to create or co-sponsor conferences using the Commission's data and expertise related to young children and families. The Commission approved hosting a summit focusing on young children in Orange County and using the 2015 Early Development Index (EDI) data as the foundation for the discussion and analysis of how young children are faring. Orange County is the first large county in the state to have comprehensive data on all public school children. This update includes a review of the Summit agenda, the status of the Commission's partnerships and sponsors, and an update on the planning team.

***Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow* Children's Summit Agenda**

The Summit is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hotel Irvine. Commissioner and Supervisor Michelle Steel and Commissioner Sandy Barry will begin the event with welcoming comments and Commissioner Executive Director will coordinate the day's presenters. The event agenda (Attachment 1) includes morning and lunch keynote speakers from the local and national business community. The keynote presentations will focus on the importance of investments in children from an economic perspective. The event also includes a presentation on the 2015 Early Development Index data, and a city/school district panel presentation on their experience in using the EDI data.

Keynote Speakers

Jill Bolton, the Director of Corporate Citizenship for Disneyland Resort is the morning keynote speaker. Representing one of the largest employers in Orange County, Ms. Bolton will be presenting on Disneyland's investment in ACT (Accelerate Change Together) Anaheim, a grant initiative to address the gaps in service for underserved youth in Anaheim. Disneyland, Angels Baseball, and the Anaheim Ducks began ACT Anaheim in 2014 and committed \$3 million to build the ability of the nonprofit sector to engage youth and parents in programs that strengthen families and communities. Ms. Bolton's presentation will focus on why Disneyland has a compelling interest in supporting the youth and families in their community and the importance of their investments as a corporate citizen.

Ken Thrasher, Chairman of the Board for Compli, and retired Chief Executive Officer of Fred Meyer, Inc., now The Kroger Company, is the afternoon keynote speaker. Mr. Thrasher is representing ReadyNation, a business leader organization working to strengthen business through better policies for children and youth. Their focus is to educate policymakers and the public about effective investments that will help businesses compete in today's global marketplace, build a foundation for lasting economic security, and help children get on the right track to succeed in school and in life. Their advisory board is chaired by high-level representatives from major businesses and corporations, which also comprise their speaker's bureau.

The lunch program is presented in partnership with the Orange County Forum (Attachment 2), a non-profit organization that provides programs to discuss current local, state, national and international issues of importance to Orange County. The Commission is a member of the Orange County Forum, which also includes business, government and community leaders in the county. Co-sponsoring the lunch program with the Orange County Forum is an opportunity to broaden the audience and communicate the importance of early investments.

Early Development Data and Panel Presentation

The Commission Executive Director will present the results of the 2015 Early Development Index (EDI) highlighting that for the first time, 100 percent of all Orange County public schools with a kindergarten population are included in the analysis. Greg Duncan, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor at the University of California, Irvine School of Education will present on the scientific research of the EDI and the status of UCI's current study to validate the predicative value of the EDI assessment. Dr. Neal Halfon from UCLA's Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities will present on what cities can do to address children's outcomes. This will be followed by a panel presentation facilitated by the former Executive Director of the Orange County California Association of Cities. City and school district representatives from Anaheim, La Habra, Mission Viejo and Stanton will discuss the use of EDI projects in their communities.

Children's Summit Planning Team and Sponsors

Commissioner Sandy Barry is the planning committee chair, and Commissioner Sandy Pierce and the Commission's Superintendent Liaison Gregg Haulk participated as planning committee members. Other planning committee representatives include the Orange County Department of Education, University of California, Irvine and Los Angeles, and the Association of California Cities-Orange County.

The Orange County Community Foundation, Orange County Department of Education, and Orange County United Way are sponsors of the Summit. The Association of California Cities–Orange County hosted the city and school district Technical Working Group meetings over the past six-months and recruited city participation.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

This program has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and is consistent with all goal areas. There is no funding requested for this item.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- February 2016 – Received update on the Children’s Summit Planning Process
- December 2015 - Received report on upcoming conferences supported by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County and authorized Executive Director to approve related costs.
- September 2015 - Received the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Early Developmental Index (EDI) results, update on the Young Children’s Summit planning process, and adopt resolution authorizing an amendment to agreement with UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities to provide technical assistance.
- September 2014 – Received Fiscal Year 2013/14 Early Development Index Results and State of Young Children in Orange County Summit Proposal.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow Invitation
2. Orange County Forum Program Announcement

Contact: Kelly Pijl



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Jill Bolton

*Director Corporate Citizenship
Disneyland Resort*



LUNCHEON KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ken Thrasher

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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

What Cities Can do to Address Children's Outcomes

Neal Halfon, MD, MPH

*Founding Director of the UCLA Center for Healthier Children,
Families and Communities*



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

*Orange County Early Developmental Index Results
& Validation Study*

Greg Duncan

Distinguished Professor, School of Education, University of California, Irvine



MODERATED BY

Christina Altmayer

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May 6, 2016



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