

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

ISSUE: Early Start Symposium Planning Committee

AMOUNT: \$2,500.00

BACKGROUND: The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) supports events that promote self-advocacy, leadership, and education, thereby enabling people with developmental disabilities and their family members to expand their knowledge and skills.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION: The Early Start Symposium Planning Committee is requesting a sponsorship for the Early Start Symposium 2024- 30th annual event. The event is scheduled for November 21, 2024, and will take place at the San Joaquin County Office of Education in Stockton, California. Attendance is expected to be between 250 and 300 attendees, 15 percent of whom will be parent attendees and 25 percent parent professionals.

Early Start Symposium Committee offers this annual symposium to educate parents, early intervention teachers, home visitors, service providers, service coordinators, intake staff, administrators, parent support staff. The conference presenters cover the following keynote topic: Stress Resilience and taking the pressure off parents and professionals.

They will offer the following breakout sessions: Parental and Staff Burnout; Brain Development in early childhood and ways to promote resilience; Positive parenting; Transitioning from part B to part C; DHH-Deaf and Hard of Hearing- Taking language access into consideration.

Families attend the conference at no cost and the goal is to have parents and professionals in the same room for shared learning. Parents will learn ways to support their young child's development and professionals will learn additional skills to help support families.

The SCDD sponsorship would support the costs of printing and speaker fees.

The Early Start Symposium Planning Committee has not received a sponsorship from SCDD.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE: Goal 3.2-The Council will engage in 100 projects and events in the areas of employment, education, housing, health/safety, and emerging issues, reaching 25,000 people (family/self-advocates/others) with information and resources to enhance their knowledge and increase their capacity to obtain supports and services that are important to them.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY: The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year (FY) began July 1, 2024.

Since the beginning of FY 2024-25, the Council has awarded \$9,656 in funds for sponsorship requests, leaving \$15,344 remaining.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve Early Start Symposium Committee's sponsorship request.

ATTACHMENTS(S): Early Start Symposium Committee's sponsorship request.

PREPARED: Kristie Allensworth, October 16, 2024