



MONTEREY COUNTY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Deneen Guss, Ed.D., Superintendent, Monterey County Office of Education, (Ralph Porras, Alternate)
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MEMBERS

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Laura Dunn, Child Care Planning Council (TBD, Alternate)
Michael Gutierrez, Hartnell Community College, (Jason Garrett, Alternate)
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Lori Luzader, Special Kids Connect (Jennifer Netniss, Alternate)
Sam Lavorato, Judge, Superior Court, Juvenile Justice Division (TBD, Alternate)
Tina Nieto, Sheriff (Charles DaSilva, Alternate)
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TBD., CSUMB (Karen Myers Bowman, Alternate)
Melanie Rhodes, Behavioral Health (Liz Perez-Cordero, Alternate)
Francine Rodd, Monterey County First 5 Commission (Ramona McCabe, Alternate)
Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor District 4, (Yuri Anderson or Kera Abraham, Alternate)
Susan Swick, Ohana Montage Health (Krista Reuther, Alternate)
Hillary Theyer, Monterey County Free Libraries (Berenice, Astengo, Alternate)
TBD, Community Alliance for Safety and Peace Jaskiart "Jessica" Bhardwaj, Alternate)

Mission

The Children's Council provides leadership and policy direction to encourage the development of a comprehensive and collaborative delivery system of services to children and youth in Monterey County.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RETREAT 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA MCOE

Monday, July 13, 2026
12pm to 2:30pm

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions**, Dr. Deneen Guss, Chair
Public Comment for items not on the agenda (limit to 3 minutes per person)
- Action Item:**
 - Approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026, Executive Meeting Minutes – *Attached*
- Discussions:**
 - Member update – At large seats and recruitment
 - Review MCCC Survey Results
 - Fiscal Year Presentation Calendar Planning
 - Structure of Presentation guidelines and Follow Up
- New Business/Announcements**
- Adjourn**

Next Meeting: August 10, 2026