



MONTEREY COUNTY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Katy Castagna, CEO, United Way Monterey County (Josh Madfis, Alternate)
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Deneen Guss, Ed. D., Superintendent, Monterey County Office of Education (Ralph Porras, Alternate)
Roderick Franks, Director, Dept. of Social Services (TBD, Alternate)
Jose Ramirez, Chief, Probation Department (TBD, Alternate)

MEMBERS

José Arreola, Community Alliance for Safety and Peace (Jaskiart "Jessica" Bhardwaj, Alternate)
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Susan Chapman, Public Defender (Ashley Butler, Alternate)
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Laura Dunn, Child Care Planning Council (Laurie Ramirez, Alternate)
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Eva Jeronimo, Department of Social Services (Melissa Alejandre, Alternate)
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Robin McCrae, Community Human Services (Shirley Milleco, Alternate)
Tina Nieto, Sheriff (Charles DaSilva, Alternate)
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Francine Rodd, Monterey County First 5 Commission (Ramona McCabe, Alternate)
Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor District 4 (Eric Mora, Alternate)
Susan Swick, Ohana Montage Health (Kathy Reuther, Alternate)
Hillary Theyer, Monterey County Free Libraries (Berenice Astengo, 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 ANNUAL RETREAT MEETING

901 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA

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Monday, June 9, 2025

12pm to 2:30pm

AGENDA

1. **Welcome & Introductions**, Jose Ramirez, Chair
Public Comment for items not on the agenda (limit to 3 minutes per person)
2. **Action Item:**
 - a. Approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025, Executive Meeting Minutes – *Attached*
3. **Discussions:**
 1. Ice breaker activity – Roderick Franks
 2. Setting criteria for new focus or initiative
 3. Re-evaluate topic list – What is next year's trajectory
 4. Fiscal year calendar
 5. Review of annual report indicators
 6. Reflect on Reflective Practice
4. **New Business/Announcements**
5. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: July 14, 2025