



# MONTEREY COUNTY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Katy Castagna**, CEO, United Way Monterey County (Josh Madfis, Alternate)  
**Deneen Guss**, Ed.D., Superintendent, Monterey County Office of Education, (Ralph Porras, Alternate)  
**Elsa Jimenez**, Director, Health Dept. (Dr. Edward Moreno, Health Officer, Alternate)  
**Roderick Franks**, Director, Dept. of Social Services (TBD, Alternate)  
**Jose Ramirez**, Interim Chief, Probation Department (TBD, Alternate)  
Sonja Koehler, Director, Bright Beginnings  
Mayra Perez Diaz, Coordinator for Mo. Co. Children's Council

## MEMBERS

**José Arreola**, Community Alliance for Safety and Peace  
Jaskiart "Jessica" Bhardwaj, Alternate)  
**Dan Baldwin**, Community Foundation for Monterey County, (Michael Castro, Alternate)  
**Randy Bangs**, Soledad Unified School District (PK Diffenbaugh, Alternate)  
**Susan Blitch**, County Counsel (Annette Cutino, Alternate)  
**Zulieka Boykin**, Housing Authority of Monterey County (TBD, Alternate)  
**Susan Chapman**, Public Defender (Ashley Butler, Alternate)  
**Laura Dunn**, Child Care Planning Council (Laurie Ramirez, Alternate)  
**Melodie Rhodes**, Behavioral Health (Marni Sandoval, Alternate)  
**Eva Jeronimo**, Department of Social Services (Melissa Alejandre, Alternate)  
**Monica Lal**, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
**Lori Luzader**, Special Kids Connect (Jennifer Netniss, Alternate)  
**Robin McCrae**, Community Human Services (Shirley Milleco, Alternate)  
**Tina Nieto**, Sheriff (Charles DaSilva, Alternate)  
**Vanya Quinones**, CSUMB (Nicole Hollingsworth, Alternate)  
**Jeannine Pacioni**, District Attorney (Lan Nassoura, Alternate)  
**Caroline Cota**, So Co Mo Joint Unified School District (Ruben Pulido, Alternate)  
**Virginia R. Pierce**, Child Abuse Prevention Council (Claudia Gomez, Alternate)  
**Timothy P. Roberts**, Judge, Superior Court, Juvenile Justice Division (Sam Lavorato Jr, Alternate)  
**Francine Rodd**, Monterey County First 5 Commission (Ramona McCabe, Alternate)  
**Wendy Root Askew**, Supervisor District 4, (Eric Mora, Alternate)  
**Susan Swick**, Ohana Montage Health (TBD, 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.

## GENERAL MEETING 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA MCOE

Monday, March 10, 2025  
12:00-1:30pm

## AGENDA

- 1. Welcome** – Jose Ramirez, Chair
- 2. Public Comment** for items not on the agenda (limited to 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Action Items:**
  - Approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, Monterey County Children's Council meeting – *Attached*
  - Approve Designated Alternate Krista Reuther for Member Susan Swick
- 4. Announcements**
- 5. Presentations/Discussions:**
  - The State of Systems in Monterey County: An Examination of Supports for Children Ages Prenatal to Five – Jennifer Rigney, F5MC and Sonja Koehler, BB
- 6. Adjourn**

**Next meeting:** April 14, 2025