

Child Care and Early Education

Highlights of Key Initiatives

- 1991 – Adoption of *Child Care Master Plan* by City, SMMUSD, SMC (long term vision and policy framework for early education)
- 1992 & 1998 – Adoption of amendments to City Zoning Ordinance to facilitate development of child care (large family day care in R-1 & fee exemptions for family child care)
- 2006 – Adoption of *Child Care Linkage Program* (fee on development to mitigate the increased demand for early education and child care)
- 2010 – Adoption of LUCE which states “*Integrate the child care and early education needs of those who live or work in the community into the City’s land use planning process*” (Chapter 3.5 – 17, Goal CE9)
- 2011 – Launch of Santa Monica Cradle to Career Initiative (collaborative to leverage and coordinate resources so that all Santa Monica children thrive & succeed from birth through young adulthood)
- 2014 - Release of RAND Report: *Early & School Aged Care in Santa Monica* (program & system assessment)