



The Linking Economic Development and Child Care Technical Assistance Project Speakers Bureau

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EXPERTISE

Local planning for child care; understanding the child care/early education system; linking child care with community and economic development; child care and transportation linkages; integrating housing and child care; local government roles in supporting child care development and operation

Current Positions

- Redwood City Child Care Coordinator and Planner.
- Consultant, Preschool for All, San Mateo County.
- Child Care Planning and Policy Consultant, LINCC Consulting Group.
- Consultant to Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) Child Care Programs

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Instructor and Child Development Researcher, Mills College (Oakland, CA).
- Preschool and Child Care Director and Teacher, Head Start and University Lab Schools.
- Staff, Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.
- Staff, Local Investment in Child Care Project, San Mateo County.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Nursery School Teaching Certificate, Mills College.
- Master of Arts, Child Development, Michigan State University.
- PhD, Early Education and Child Development, Stanford University, 1981.



SHORT BIO

Dr. Anderson has been a municipal child care planner, developer and coordinator for over 20 years in Redwood City, California. She has assisted other cities and child care advocates to write child care policies and develop child care-friendly practices. Her book, *Planning for Child Care in California*, published in 2006 by Solano Press Books, provides information for professional planners and community developers, policy makers and child care advocates on: the early care and education system and why it requires and deserves support; addressing child care in long-range planning; reducing land use policy barriers; how cities/counties support child care development; and strategies for and examples of linking child care with development of housing, employment and transportation. She has participated in the Local Investment in Child Care (LINCC) Project (www.lincc-childcare.com) since 1997, assisting with methodology development for early economic impact reports on child care, and well as use of the reports for engaging partners in building the infrastructure to support child care facilities development in California.

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