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Child Care Planning Council Application

Shannan Watkins

Initialed Application: Yes

Applicant

First Name: **Shannan**
Middle Initial:
Last Name: **Watkins**

Employment

Occupation: **Executive Director**
Job Title: **Executive Director**
Employer: **Early Development Services**

Interests and Experiences

Able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill duties as a member?

Yes

Currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group?

Yes

Monterey County Child Care Planning Council

Has served on an advisory group before?

Yes

Monterey County Child Care planning Council

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

I have been on the council since 2008 and maintain a lot of the historical knowledge of Monterey County Childcare landscape back to 1997. Additionally, I have an Associate of Science degree in Child Development from Monterey Peninsula College, Associate of Art degree in Psychology from Monterey Peninsula College, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development with minors in Developmental Education, Early Childhood Education, and Childcare from Pacific Oaks College, a Masters of Arts degree in Human Development with minors in Leadership in Human Services and College Teaching, also from Pacific Oaks College as well as a Master's in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University. I

have been President of the local Association for the Education of Young Children as well being elected to California Association for the Education of Young Children State Board. I spent 9 years as the Chair of the Monterey County Child Care Planning Council as well as teaching child development courses at Monterey Peninsula College, Hartnell College, and California State University Monterey Bay specializing in infant & toddler development since 2003. I served as a steering partner for the Monterey County Bright Futures initiative and am currently a United Way Board Member. I am well regarded as a childcare expert by both colleagues and state departments, having provided input and drafting successful legislative bills in the early care and education field.

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board committee/commission/district:

Returning

How did you hear about the position?:

Current Member

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

None