



Bay Area Jobs First Collaborative

**Monthly Stakeholder Meeting
August 26, 2026**



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JOBS FIRST**
COLLABORATIVE

Agenda

- Welcome + Agenda
- Catalyst Project: *High Road to Early Childhood Education Consortium*
 - Aubrey Contreras, Santa Clara County Office of Education
- *Can't Compete With Free: How Transitional Kindergarten Has Destabilized California's Child Care Sector*
 - Anna Powell, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment
- Regional Updates
- Closing

About | CA Jobs First

- In 2021, Governor Newsom launched the \$600 million CA Jobs First to create quality jobs and bolster regions' resilience to climate and global challenges.
- Each region received grants to build a diverse “Collaborative” **tasked with identifying and addressing the challenges and opportunities to equitable job growth in their region.**
- **Goal of establishing economic development planning from the ground up**, with a focus of ensuring disinvested communities are part of the design and benefit from the outcomes of the economic strategy.



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| 1 North State | 7 Central San Joaquin |
| 2 Redwood | 8 Central Coast |
| 3 Capital | 9 Kern County |
| 4 Sierra | 10 Los Angeles County |
| 5 Bay Area | 11 Inland SoCal |
| 6 North San Joaquin | 12 Orange County |
| | 13 Southern Border |

Catalyst Funding Awards

\$9M in State funding for
pre-development projects

All 10 projects focus on:

Empowering communities and
workers

Creating quality jobs

Addressing long-standing
inequities and climate
vulnerabilities



Anchoring Worker Cooperative
Hubs



Bay Area High-Road
Manufacturing Initiative



Catalyzing Quality Careers in
Building Decarbonization



Indigenous and Immigrant Farm
Workers Building a Climate
Resilience Workforce



High Road Clean Transportation
Career Pathways



High Road to Early Childhood
Education Consortium



High Road to Early Childhood Education Consortium

Video Link

Please use this link to view High Road to Early Childhood Education Consortium video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10hmH9X7jr1QpCHoepnli63e0MQUNJwL1/view?usp=sharing>

Early Care and Education

Video Link

Please use this link to view the Early Care and Education video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cj8KdYskNMQ>

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