



## MARIN COUNTY CHILD CARE COMMISSION

### 2016 COMMISSIONERS



#### **Ana Andrade-Wolf – Provider Representative**

Ana Andrade-Wolf is the owner of [Wolf Pack Child Care](#) in San Rafael. She has been a family child care provider for over 22 years and is very active in advocating for child care providers. Ana is a Mentor with [Marin Child Care Council](#) and the Mentor Program Coordinator with the [Marin Family Child Care Association](#) (MFCCA). Her mission as a Commissioner is to include Family Child Care in as many programs as possible and to advocate on behalf of the community of Family Child Care Providers in Marin County. Ana holds an AA Degree in Early Childhood Education from Sacre Coeur de Marie, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and a BA Degree in Liberal Arts from [Mills College](#) in Oakland, CA.



#### **Carol Barton – Community Representative**

Carol Barton is the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Project Coordinator at Marin County Office of Education. Her role is informed by her experience as the owner/Director of a child care program, Director of the Child Development Program (State, Head Start, Special Ed, Fee-based) for AUSD; adjunct instructor in Child Development at Chabot College; Mentor Director, Parent Educator, Steering Committee member and Chair of Alameda County LPC; PITC trainer, and early childhood caregiver/educator, and participation in quality professional development whenever possible. Her master's thesis was on high quality child care and her education includes extensive study of and passion for the Reggio Approach to ECE.



#### **Lyda Beardsley – Provider Representative**

Lyda Beardsley is the Director of the Ethel Seiderman Institute for Excellence in Early Education at the College of Marin. The Institute provides opportunities for experienced early childhood educators to engage in ongoing professional development with early education experts. Lyda is also the Executive Director of the Trio Foundation, which funds organizations that serve low-income young children and their families in the East Bay. She holds a PhD in Educational Psychology from UC Berkeley with a focus on early development and learning. Lyda grew up in Marin, was an early childhood teacher, director, and consultant in San Francisco and the East Bay and was a teacher educator and director of campus lab schools at College of Marin, Mills College, and UC Berkeley.



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#### **Saul Godinez – Consumer Representative**

Saul Godinez is a Mexican-American who has been living in Marin for 18 years. In 2001, he joined [Canal Alliance](#), one of the most important local non-profits dedicated to help low-income, Spanish-speaking immigrants acquire the tools they need to thrive. He was quickly promoted to family advocate and probation specialist and currently is the organization's Family Resource Coordinator. Saul also serves on the [Marin County School Attendance Review Board](#) and facilitates a 10 week parenting classes- the Parent Project Inc.® "Changing Destructive Behavior in Adolescence". He received the 2001 National Father of the Year Award at the Northwest Fatherhood Conference hosted by the Arizona Father and Families Coalition. Saul currently lives in San Rafael with his wife and their four children.



#### **Sandy Jacklin – Provider Representative**

Sandy Jacklin has been teaching in the field of Early Childhood Education for over twenty years and is currently responsible for Admissions & Operations at [GATE Academy](#). She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in the field of Young Children and Families and was a Mentor Teacher in the [California Early Childhood Mentor Program](#), which provides support to student teachers at the [College of Marin](#). Sandy has presented at several workshops over the years, including at the [NAEYC National Conference](#), on topics such as Mind in the Making, Block Play (to teach children using the California Learning Foundations/Creative Curriculum guidelines) and Learning through Nature Study. She also serves as the Board Secretary at [MAEYC](#) - Marin Association for the Education of Young Children.



#### **Jayne Johnson – Community Representative**

Jayne has worked with children and families for over 20 years as an Early Childhood Educator, Administrator and Trainer. Jayne has a strong desire to support children and families by creating supportive environments that promote core values and quality programming. She is an advocate for Staff Training and Development, providing educators and program leaders with theory and practicum necessary to implement quality programs. Jayne works for the Marin YMCA as the Director of Youth Development. She is currently completing a Master's Program in Canine Life Science. With her love of children and animals, she plans to integrate Humane Education into ECE and Youth Programs, teaching children about compassion toward animals. Jayne holds a Bachelor's Degree and Program Director Permit from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.



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#### **Dr. Jason Lau – Consumer Representative**

Dr. Jason Lau currently serves as Executive Director of Operations for Programs and Business for the School of Extended and International Education at Sonoma State University. He has accumulated over 15 years of professional experience in early childhood, school-age care services, and higher education. Jason is a Certified Park & Recreational Professional with a Ph.D. in Educational Policy & Leadership Studies from The University of Iowa, a Master of Arts degree in Leisure, Youth and Human Services Administration, and a Bachelor of Arts degree (Summa Cum Laude) from the University of Northern Iowa. He and his wife love to explore Marin County and beyond with their two beautiful children.



#### **Kelsey Lombardi – Consumer Representative**

Kelsey Lombardi has a Master degree in Special Education, a Bachelor's degree in Child Development, and teaching credentials. She has taught in elementary, preschool and infant/toddler programs. In 2008, she started a non-profit called "Invest In Youth", bringing Physical Education to afterschool programs. Kelsey was also a part of the "Healthy Kids From Day 1" committee, charged to give healthy opportunities to every child aged 0-5 in care. Kelsey is the Staff Support/ Child Outcomes Manager for the Marin Head Start program, which supports children and families living under the federal poverty level in the County. Kelsey sees Marin as a prosperous place with opportunities to offer it's youngest and has strived to give back in the work she has chosen to do. She is a mom to a 2 year old named Joseph.



#### **Elaini Negussie, MPH – Public Agency Representative**

Ms. Negussie has over a decade of experience in community based participatory research and education programs both nationally and internationally. Her work focuses on health disparities and disruptive innovation strategies to address them. She has been forming active community partnerships to disseminate information, raise awareness about health disparities and support healthy living in communities of color, specifically through addressing social determinants of health. She collaborates closely with a wide group of advocates and health professionals to create community-driven health solutions that are intentional and support community leadership. Ms. Negussie earned her MPH from Boston University.



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#### **Ruth Pineda – Community Representative**

Ruth has been in the Early Child Education for almost 16 years. She first worked with Marin Head Start in the infant and toddler program; she then had the opportunity to be a family advocate, a year after she was part of the Early Head Start home visiting team. In 2008 she joined the Marin Child Care Council as a case manager recently becoming Resource and Referral Specialist and the Parent Voices Organizer. Ruth has 5 children ages between 16 years to 3 years old, which is why she believes that every child deserves the opportunity to have an early start in life.



#### **Ana Rasquiza – Public Agency Representative**

Ana Rasquiza has nearly ten years of experience in the field of early learning, workforce development and family economic security, and has drafted state and federal legislation as well as regulatory language around child care licensing, early learning access, and quality issues. She is a Planner/Evaluator at the County of Marin's Employment and Training Branch, which is housed within the Department of Social Services. The branch oversees many efforts designed to support families in their effort to reach self-sufficiency, including the CalWORKs program, Family Stabilization, Welfare to Work Employment Services, the Workforce Investment Act, General Assistance, and the Marin Employment Connection. Ms. Rasquiza holds a Bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz and a Master's degree from UC Berkeley in Public Policy. She lives in Oakland, CA with her partner Nuria.



#### **Lourdes Romo – Provider Representative**

Lourdes Romo came to this country with her family at the age of 10. She has lived in West Marin ever since. She is mother of two daughters, 12 and 19 years old. She has been serving the children and families of West Marin in many different capacities for over 15 years. She now serves as the Executive Director at Papermill Creek Children's Corner in Point Reyes Station, prior to that she worked as a Family Advocate serving the Shoreline Unified School district families along with Papermill Creek Children's Corner families, offering school readiness, social services and support as well as information and referral services for low income families living in rural West Marin for the last 10 plus years. She has a Child Development Associate Teacher Permit from the State of California. She continues to pursue her goal higher education in the Early Childhood Education field.



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#### **Josie Sanchez – Discretionary Appointee**

Ms. Sanchez has had a long career in social services and nonprofit organizations. Her focus and passion has been to empower and help raise the voices of people in under-served, and economically disadvantaged communities. She worked as a Disability Advocate for many years and is especially proud of the youth claiming their rights to education, work and for their place as contributing and participating members of society. She is a founding member of the Canal Welcome Center and is retired though active in her community. She holds a Bachelor degree from Dominican University.



#### **Heidi Tomsy – Provider Representative**

Heidi Tomsy is the Executive Director of Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center (FSACC). The Center is a state subsidized program which opened in 1973 and cares for children ranging from infants up through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. She began her career in the early childhood field in 1977 as a teacher's aide in the infant toddler program of FSACC and has continued in many different capacities at the Center until becoming the ED in 2007. Heidi began her education at College of Marin in ECE and completed her Bachelor's Degree at Dominican University. She is an active member and former chair of the Marin County Child Development Directors Collaborative. Born and raised in Marin County, Heidi currently resides in Novato with her family.

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