



# MONTEREY COUNTY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Katy Castagna**, CEO, United Way Monterey County (Josh Madfis, Alternate)  
**Elsa Jimenez**, Director, Health Department (Dr. Edward Moreno, Health Officer, Alternate)  
**Deneen Guss**, Ed. D., Superintendent, Monterey County Office of Education (Ralph Porras, Alternate)  
**Roderick Franks**, Director, Dept. of Social Services (Eva Jeronimo, Alternate)  
**Jose Ramirez**, Chief, Probation Department (Julie Kenyon, Alternate)

## MEMBERS

**José Arreola**, Community Alliance for Safety and Peace (Jaskiart "Jessica" Bhardwaj, Alternate)  
**Dan Baldwin**, Community Foundation for Monterey County, (Michael Castro Alternate)  
**Susan Blitch**, County Counsel (Annette Cutino, Alternate)  
**Zulieka Boykin**, Housing Authority of Monterey County (TBD, Alternate)  
**Susan Chapman**, Public Defender (Ashley Butler, Alternate)  
**Randy Bangs**, Soledad Unified School District (PK Diffenbaugh, Alternate)  
**Laura Dunn**, Child Care Planning Council (TBD, Alternate)  
**Meladie Rhodes**, Health Department, Behavioral Health (TBD, Alternate)  
**TBD**, Department of Social Services (Melissa Alejandre, Alternate)  
**Monica Lal**, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
**Lori Luzader**, Special Kids Connect (Jennifer Netniss, Alternate)  
**Robin McCrae**, Community Human Services  
**Tina Nieto**, Sheriff (Charles DaSilva, Alternate)  
**Jeannine Pacioni**, District Attorney (Lana Nassoura, Alternate)  
**Virginia Pierce**, Child Abuse Prevention Council (Claudia Gomez, Alternate)  
**Caroline Cota**, So Mo Co Joint Unified School District (Ruben Pulido, Alternate)  
**Vanya Quinones**, CSUMB (TBD, Alternate)  
**Timothy P. Roberts**, Judge, Superior Court, Juvenile Justice Division (**Sam Lovorato Jr.**, Alternate)  
**Francine Rodd**, Monterey County First 5 Commission (Ramona McCabe, Alternate)  
**Wendy Root Askew**, Supervisor District 4 (Eric Mora, Alternate)  
**Susan Swick**, Ohana Montage Health (Kathy Reuther, Alternate)  
**Hillary Theyer**, Monterey County Free Libraries (Berenice Astengo, Alternate)

## Mission

The Children's Council provides leadership and policy direction to encourage the development of a comprehensive and collaborative delivery system of services to children and youth in Monterey County.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

901 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA

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Monday, October 13, 2025

1:30pm to 2:30pm

## AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions**, Jose Ramirez, Chair  
Public Comment for items not on the agenda (limit to 3 minutes per person)
- Action Item:**
  - Approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025, Executive Meeting Minutes – *Attached*
- Discussions:**
  - Debrief of the October meeting and plan for November meeting
- New Business/Announcements**
- Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:** November 10, 2025