



# MONTEREY COUNTY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Katy Castagna**, CEO, United Way Monterey County (Josh Madfis, Alternate)  
**Deneen Guss**, Ed.D., Superintendent, Monterey County Office of Education, (Ralph Porras, Alternate)  
**Elsa Jimenez**, Director, Health Dept. (Dr. Edward Moreno, Health Officer, Alternate)  
**Roderick Franks**, Director, Dept. of Social Services (TBD, Alternate)  
**Jose Ramirez**, Chief, Probation Department (TBD, Alternate)  
Sonja Koehler, Director, Bright Beginnings  
Mayra Perez Diaz, Coordinator for Mo. Co. Children's Council

## MEMBERS

**José Arreola**, Community Alliance for Safety and Peace  
Jaskiart "Jessica" Bhardwaj, Alternate)  
**Dan Baldwin**, Community Foundation for Monterey County,  
(Michael Castro, Alternate)  
**Randy Bangs**, Soledad Unified School District (PK Diffenbaugh,  
Alternate)  
**Susan Blitch**, County Counsel (Annette Cutino, Alternate)  
**Zulieka Boykin**, Housing Authority of Monterey County (TBD,  
Alternate)  
**Susan Chapman**, Public Defender (Ashley Butler, Alternate)  
**Laura Dunn**, Child Care Planning Council (Laurie Ramirez,  
Alternate)  
**Melodie Rhodes**, Behavioral Health (TBD, Alternate)  
**Eva Jeronimo**, 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 (Shirley Milleco,  
Alternate)  
**Tina Nieto**, Sheriff (Charles DaSilva, Alternate)  
**Vanya Quinones**, CSUMB (Nicole Hollingsworth, Alternate)  
**Jeannine Pacioni**, District Attorney (Lan Nassoura, Alternate)  
**Caroline Cota**, So Co Mo Joint Unified School District (Ruben  
Pulido, Alternate)  
**Virginia R. Pierce**, Child Abuse Prevention Council (Claudia  
Gomez, Alternate)  
**Timothy P. Roberts**, Judge, Superior Court, Juvenile Justice  
Division (Sam Lavorato 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 (Krista 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.

## GENERAL MEETING

901 Blanco Circle, Salinas, CA  
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Monday, July 14, 2025  
12:00-1:30pm

## AGENDA

1. **Welcome** – Jose Ramirez, Chair
2. **Public Comment** for items not on the agenda (limited to 3 minutes per person)
3. **Action Items:**
  - a. Approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025, Monterey County Children's Council meeting – *Attached*
  - b. Approve Designated Alternate Julie Kenyon for Member Jose Ramirez
4. **Presentations/Discussions:**
  - a. County of Monterey Family Children's Services, Homes for Foster Youth Presentation - Alexis Boerlage, Jackie Chavez and Melissa Alejandre
  - b. Reflective Practice – Relindis Diaz
5. **Announcements** –
6. **Adjourn**

**Next meeting:** August 11, 2025