
Profile

Jennifer

First Name

Mcgowan

Last Name

Full/Legal Name (if different than name provided above)

Email Address

Primary Phone

Which Supervisorial district do you live in? *

☒ District 1

Street Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Mailing Address (if different than Street/Physical address)

Are you currently registered to vote at the Street Address you provided?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: If you answered "No" to the previous question and do not upload an Alternate Document Proving Mendocino County Residency or a Written Letter Requesting a Residency Waiver, your application will not be processed.

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for Residency Waiver

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Child Care and Development Local Planning Council: Eligible

Which position, seat, or representational category would you prefer?

N/A

Availability to Attend Meetings

- ☒ Day Meetings
☒ Ukiah Only

Availability to Attend Meetings (Other)

Interests & Experiences

Special Expertise, Experience, or Interest in This Area?

I bring over two decades of experience supporting early learning and care systems, with a focus on building equity-centered, culturally grounded approaches to child development and family well-being. In my current role as Program Operations Director for the Tribal Child Care Association of California, I oversee multiple statewide initiatives that strengthen workforce development, quality improvement, and trauma-informed practices across more than 80 Tribal Early Learning and Care programs. My expertise spans nonprofit management, program design, and policy advocacy, with a strong emphasis on uplifting the voices of families, providers, and communities who are often underrepresented in decision-making. I have also served as a trainer and speaker on topics such as social-emotional learning, trauma-informed care, and mindfulness, creating spaces for educators and caregivers to reconnect with their purpose and resilience. This work is also deeply personal. As a parent and community member, I understand the challenges families face in accessing affordable, high-quality child care and the importance of supporting both children and the adults who care for them. I am particularly committed to ensuring that governance and planning efforts honor cultural strengths, respond to real community needs, and foster sustainable systems of support.

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Certification

Please read the following statements and indicate your acceptance thereof.

I hereby certify that I am a resident in the State of California, County of Mendocino (or reside in another County and meet the qualifications for the position) and am at least 18 years of age. I am not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that assuming this public responsibility could result in public knowledge of my background and/or qualifications, including financial interests. Applications will be kept on file for one year.

☒ I Agree *