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Building Family-Friendly Cities: Child Care as Critical Infrastructure

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A community development financial institution that is driven by the dream that everyone in the U.S. should benefit from living in a community of opportunity, equity and well-being.



Build Up CA, an initiative of LIIF

Dedicated to sustaining, improving and expanding early care and education facilities in California. We are a network of advocates in pursuit of knowledge, partnerships and policy solutions to create high quality, climate resilient facilities in both home-based and center-based child care programs.



Early care & education facilities





WHO builds the supply of child care?

Facilities Development

Facilities Development



architect

Facilities Development



architect



contractor

Facilities Development



architect



contractor



funder

Facilities Development



architect



contractor



funder



grant or loan officer

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architect



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housing developer

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Licensing

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fire code inspector

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licensing analyst

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ECE consultant

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fire code inspector



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Facilities Development

Licensing

Little Robles in San Francisco, owned by Kristina Gonzalez

- Kristina independently secured a commercial space for her center: a former **martial arts studio!**
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- Kristina worked with many partners including:
 - LIIF Program Officer
 - CA Licensing Analyst
 - Architect & General Contractor
 - ECE Coach/Consultant
 - Local Fire Department
 - San Francisco Department of Early Childhood



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Advocacy & Coalition Building



local government
official

city planner

provider

caregiver/parent

community advocate

EXAMPLE: A local advocacy initiative to strengthen child care facilities



Advocacy & Coalition Building

- In 2017, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation convened a task force to address San Mateo County's child care shortage
- In 2018, Build Up San Mateo County was launched in as a part of the Child Care Coordinating Council (4C's of SMC).
- Received funding from Gilead Sciences and Silicon Valley Community Foundation & has since awarded over \$1 million for child care facility upgrades and expansions.
- Currently they partner with providers, developers, legislators and community leaders to expand high quality child care facilities





APRIL 2026 NETWORK MEETING

AB 752 IMPLEMENTATION

Last year, AB 752 (Farias) was passed in California to remove regulatory barriers to establishing child care centers in affordable housing developments.

Tune in to hear from:

- Joanne Hwang, Planning Services, City of Anaheim
- Chris Ramirez, MAAC Housing

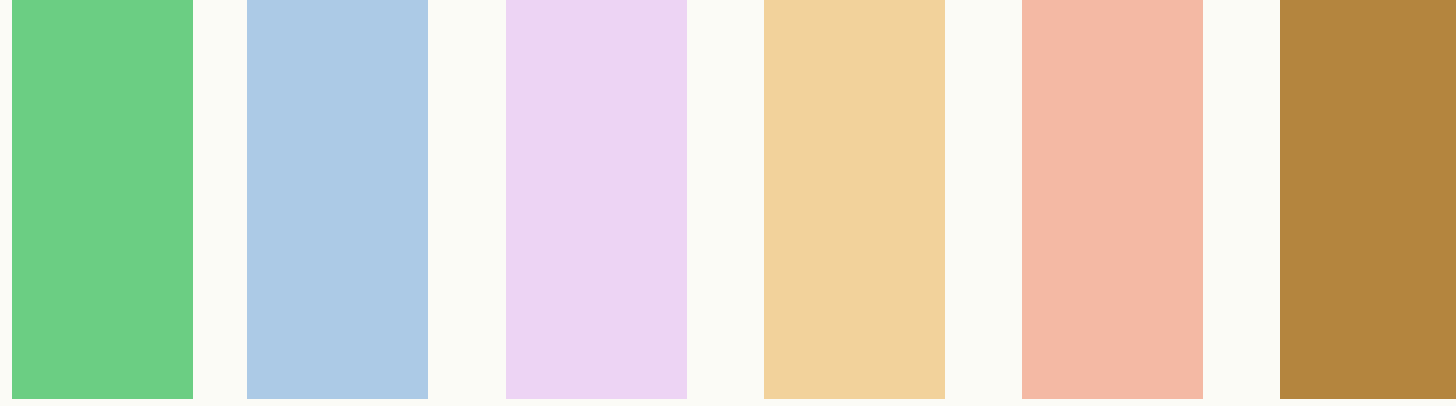


Register now!

**April 28th, 2026
1-2pm on Zoom**

Child care & housing
go hand in hand!





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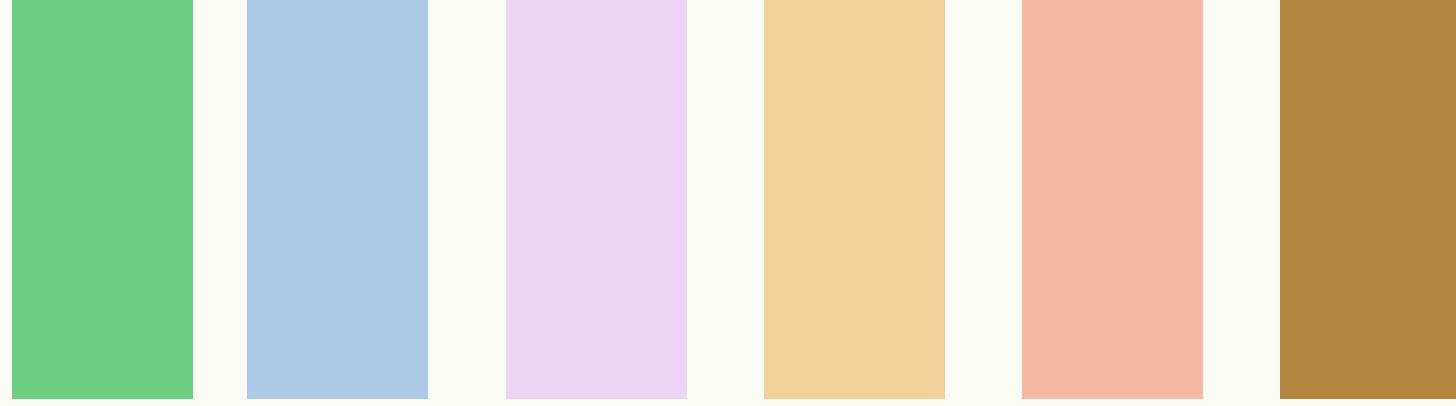
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Save the Date

May 13 from 6-7 PM

Local Leaders for Child Care Network Meeting



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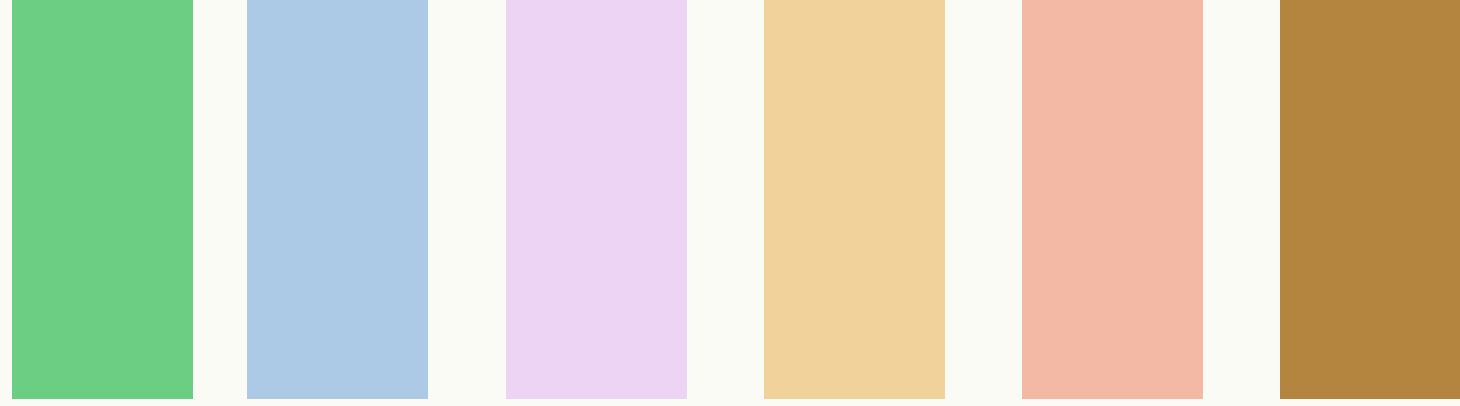


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Join our network
we want to share resources!





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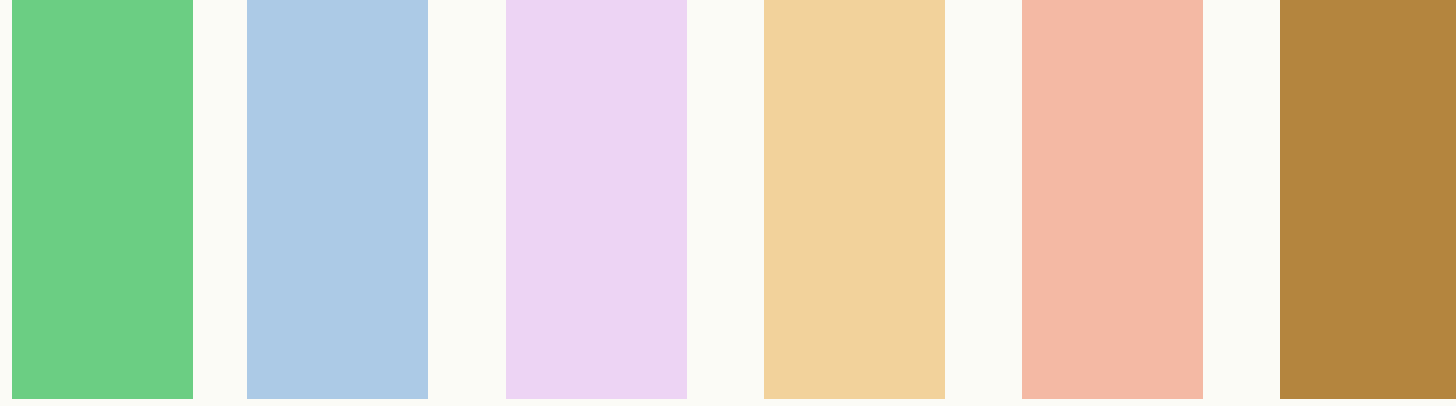
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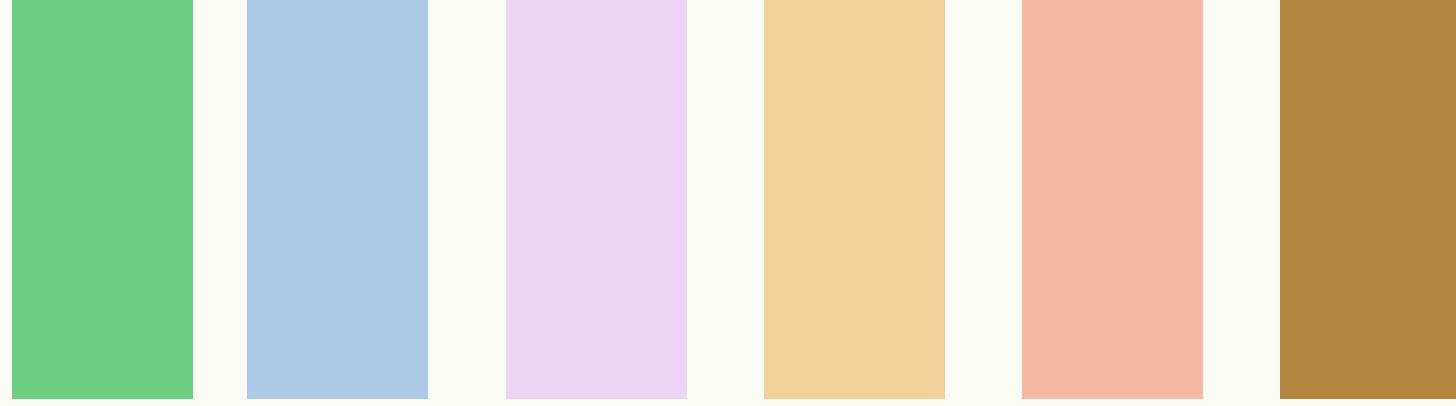


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Q & A

ask us anything!



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