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Lynn DeLapp has spent over twenty-five years working with state, local governments, foundations and community-based organizations, to develop and implement a broad range of policy and programs for children and families.

She spent thirteen years as the California Legislature's Assembly Office of Research Principle consultant on early childhood and children and family policy, conducting action research policy studies and developing legislation on issues concerning early childhood education, child care and development, integrated child and family services, K-12 education, child abuse, youth services, and work/family policies. (See list of publications) She was responsible for developing key legislation on local child care planning and on integrated funding for children's services.

Following her service to the Legislature, Ms. DeLapp brought her expertise on programs for young children to PACE, an education policy center based at the University of California, Berkeley, and Stanford University. She served as project coordinator for the California Cares Project, an initiative to analyze and streamline California's child care and development system. Subsequently, she worked as the Integrated Child and Family Services Specialist for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), assisting counties to respond to the needs of families through integrated services and community collaboratives, and as Deputy Director of the CCS Partnership, an organization formed by CSAC, the League of California Cities, and the California School Boards Association, to promote joint efforts among city, county and schools.

Since 2000, Ms. DeLapp has owned her own consulting business, and is a founding partner of the Davis Consultant Network. She focuses on county and community-based services for children and families. She has served as Interim Executive Director for both the Yolo County Children and Family Commission (now First 5) (2001), and the California Afterschool Partnership, based at UC Davis (2007). She has written numerous policy briefs and case studies on exemplary programs for state and national foundations.

Ms DeLapp assists clients in four areas: planning and sustaining effective programs and organizations; assessing program effectiveness through the development of practical systems for results accountability and performance measurement; writing and policy research; and meeting and workshop facilitation.

She holds a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California and a BA from U.C. Davis, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa.