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CCRC's Resources and Response to Los Angeles

Wildfires



In response to the wildfires impacting thousands of L.A. County families, CCRC is providing critical resources and information. Updates on the wildfires and evacuations, as well as a comprehensive list of services and resources is available on [this CCRC blog](#). Mental health support for children and caregivers can be found [here](#). CCRC staff is also supporting families with shelter referrals and emergency child care assistance.

Legislative Updates

Governor Newsom released his proposal for the 2025-26 state budget on Friday, January 10, 2025. The Governor's budget proposes a \$322.2 Billion balanced budget that focuses on education, economic growth, public safety, and accountability.

The proposed budget maintains:

- Funding level agreements for state-subsidized child care programs.
- Initiatives to fully implement Universal Transitional Kindergarten, Expanded Learning Opportunities Program, and universal school meals.
- A Diaper initiative to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes, as well as a family well-being pilot to measure CalWORKs program outcomes.

[Governor Newsom's Budget Summary](#)

Local Updates

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PEACH Advocacy Day

[PEACH](#), an Early Childhood Higher Education Collaborative, held its inaugural Advocacy Day on January 7, 2025 with grant funding from the [Tides Foundation](#). Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) joined as a proud partner and ally to PEACH to help make the day a success.

PEACH leaders noted they've observed a severe ECE workforce shortage, resulting in classrooms going dark. Higher education plays a critical role in developing the ECE workforce pipeline and career pathways, and is the heart of recruitment, education, training and retention for the field.

PEACH and CCRC would like to thank the following legislative members and offices for their time and commitment:

- Assemblymembers Pilar Schiavo, James Gallagher, Jacqui Irwin & Matt Haney
- Senators Angelique Ashby, Megan Dahle, Monique Limon, Scott Wiener, Henry-Stern & Dr. Akilah Weber



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San Bernardino Child Care Panels

In December, CCRC Regional Director James Moses participated in two panel discussions to address the importance of child care and early childhood development in the lives of children. Two presentations addressed the many challenges hindering the field from providing the highest quality services to children and families in our communities:

Child Care and Work: A Crisis in the Making.

- This presentation was in partnership with the Inland Empire Labor Institute.

Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) Leadership Academy: Education in the Inland Empire.

- This presentation was in partnership with the IEEP and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.



Holiday Book and Toy Drive:

Thank you to their Supervisor Paul Cook's Office for donating books and toys to our Victorville Office!

Trending Child Care Articles

- *How to help kids understand the L.A. fires* by Jenny Gold and Kate Sequeira [Read the full article](#)
- *California's Child Care Crisis: High Unmet Need and Regional Disparities* by Erik Saucedo [Read the full article](#)
- *With thousands of slots still open, LAUSD opens up subsidized preschool to higher-income families* By Elly Yu [Read the full article](#)
- *California Bill Would Protect Schools, Child Care Centers From Immigration Raids* by Daisy Nguyen [Read the full article](#)
- *Scoop: GOP senator pushes huge increase to child tax credit* by Stef W. Kight [Read the full article](#)

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