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Thank you, Governor Newsom, Legislative Authors, and our Supporters



We extend a heartfelt thank you to Governor Gavin Newsom for signing four of our CCRC-sponsored bills into law. We would also like to thank the incredible legislative authors we worked with and our fellow co-sponsors and supporters for their hard work and dedication in making this victory possible. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in advancing policies that will positively impact the lives of Californians for years to come. This achievement is a testament to the power of collaboration, and we look forward to continuing this vital work together.

Here is a refresher on the new laws:



**Assemblymember
Reyes**

[AB 1930 \(Reyes\)](#) – Child Development Associate Permit Renewal – Signed into Law on September 27, 2024

This bill removes the 10 year limit on the Child Development Associate Teacher Permit [holder](#). It allows unlimited renewal every 5 years (similar to the other permit levels) and retains well qualified, diverse and experienced teachers in early care and education (ECE) settings. This is especially crucial at a time when the field is faced with staffing shortages that result in “[dark classrooms](#).” Stability is critical for the future of the field. ECE workforce policy levers such as this coupled with California’s [child care rate reform](#) to support wage increases can help recruit, retain, and reclaim this workforce.

Co-Sponsored with [California Head Start Association](#), [Kidango](#), [EveryChildCA](#), [California County of Superintendents](#), [Los Angeles County Office of Education](#), [Santa Clara Office of Education](#)



Senator Menjivar

[SB 1112 \(Menjivar\)](#) – Child Care: Alternative Payment - Developmental Screenings – Signed into Law on September 30, 2024

This law will address gaps in California's systems of care coordination by allowing alternative payment agencies to use their administrative funds to pay for the cost associated with providing parents enhanced navigation and referral services. These referrals to a medical professional will enable access to developmental screening services for children aged 0-5.

Sponsor



**Assemblymember
Schiavo**

[AB 2343 \(Schiavo\)](#) – CalWORKs: Child Care Access for Parents & Children Experiencing Homelessness or Domestic Violence ([Read More](#) & [Watch Now](#)) – Signed into Law on September 29, 2024

This bill will allow Alternative Payment agencies administering CalWORKs Stage 1 and Stage 2 to use their administrative funds for support services to provide families experiencing homelessness or escaping domestic abuse access to stable child care.

Co-Sponsored with [Bananas](#)



Assemblymember
Bonta

[AB 51 \(Bonta\)](#) – Early Child Care Education - California State Preschool - Signed into Law on September 26, 2024

This bill directs the California Department of Education (CDE) to develop early learning resources, guidance, and technical assistance to prospective [California State Preschool Programs \(CSPP\)](#) contractors available at the [California Department of Education](#). The end goal is to provide aspiring CSPP contractors an equitable opportunity to access Title 5 workforce training and administrative systems through educational outreach efforts to what is sometimes a complex system to navigate independently.

Support

Save The Date: CCRC's Policy Conference 2025

A promotional banner for the Child Care Resource Center's Policy Conference 2025. The background features the California State Capitol building under a blue sky with white clouds. In the foreground, a diverse group of people, including an older woman, a man, a young girl, a man carrying a child, a woman, and a young boy, are smiling. The text "Securing the Future for California Families" is written in a large, bold, blue font. Below it, in a smaller font, is "January 29-30 | The Beverly Garland Hotel, North Hollywood". In the top right corner is the Child Care Resource Center logo with the tagline "Quality Support Development Education". In the bottom right corner, there is a circular graphic with the text "POLICY CONFERENCE 2025" in white and blue.

CCRC's will bring together communities across California to participate in robust and engaging learning experiences that features policy advocates, philanthropists, non-profit organizations, and the community. Together we will explore how to foster economic stability, promote health equity, build strong partnerships, and advocate for policies that benefit the community, and can secure a more stable and prosperous future for all California families.

[Register Here](#)

CCRC's Policy Priorities Released



Child Care Resource Center's (CCRC) Board of Directors approved its 2025 Policy Priorities September 24, 2024, ahead of the 2025 legislative session. This year's policy priorities strategically align with CCRC's 2024-2029 [Strategic Plan](#), which is centered around systems to cultivate child, family, and community well-being. It is intentionally aimed at four ambitious and actionable goals to **strengthen** families and **impact** communities:

- Connect children and families to the right services at the right time
- Build the capacity of the people, organizations, and groups that impact child, family, and community success
- Increase and align public investments for whole child/whole family services
- Advance agency growth and sustainability through economic investments, administrative excellence, and financial stability

To learn more about each goal's sub themes, please visit:

[CCRC's Policy Priorities](#)

Trending Reports In The Field

Articles:

- Transitional kindergarten: What can a parent expect when it comes to schools helping their non-potty-trained kid? [Read More](#)

Podcasts:

- CCRC Government Provisions Podcast - Election Landscape [Listen Here](#)
- Child Care Centers Challenged By Extreme Heat - KQED's The California Report [Listen Here](#)
- The Parents Aren't All Right - The Daily [Listen Here](#)

Federal Updates

National Head Start Leadership Conference

CCRC's Government Relations (GR) team attended the National Head Start Leadership Conference and had the pleasure of visiting Capitol Hill to advocate for the increase of Head Start funding, the increase to the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), the Head Start's Education Model, and the strengthening of families and children. Thank you to the following members and their offices for meeting with us:

- Office of Senator Laphonza Butler
- Office of Senator Alex Padilla
- Office of Congressman Brad Sherman (CA-32)
- Office of Congresswoman Norma Torres (CA-35)
- Office of Congressman Jay Obernolte (CA-23)
- Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-28)



Office of Congressman Tony Cardenas



Office of Congressman Pete Aguilar



Office of Congressman Adam Schiff



Office of Congressman Mike Garcia

House Representatives Bill: H.R. 8798

New Federal Definition Family Resource Center Introduced

H.R. 8798 titled [Strengthening Families with Community Based Prevention Services](#) strives to define and clarify the role of family resource centers at the federal level. This bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives led by bipartisan support and is to be included with H.R. 9076 Package. [H.R. 9076, Title IV B Reauthorization: Supporting Children's & Families Act](#) passed the House Floor with 405 yeas to 10 nays to strengthen community support. Should the bill pass the Senate and be signed into law by the President. Funds can be allocated for **four** primary broad core service areas:

- Provide family support services
- Family preservation services
- Family reunification services
- Adoption promotion and support services

Statewide Updates

SACRAMENTO



Dr. Kelly Fountain (Director of Early Learning, Lancaster School District), Dr. LaWanda Wesley (Director of Government Relations, Child Care Resource Center), and Adam North (Director of Professional Development and Innovation, EveryChildCA)

California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC) Transition Kindergarten (TK) Institute

The Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) Partnership Guidebook is a consortium of six statewide organizations invested in the successful implementation of the full mixed delivery system for 3- and 4-year-olds with funding from [Heising-Simons Foundation](#). Our aim is to create a repository of shared resources, best practice guides and toolkits, and practical tools curated from the field to support family serving organizations, community based organizations, and local education agencies that participate in UPK supported by the [UPK Guidebook](#). Partners of the consortium are co-facilitated and tabled statewide this summer and fall at a number of conferences including:

- [U.S. Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center \(CCLC\) Summer Symposium 2024](#)
- [California Child Care Coordinators Conference](#)
- [CAAEYC TK Institute](#)
- [EveryChildCA Fall Technical Assistance](#)
- [California Child Care Resource & Referral Network and Thriving Families CA](#)

SAN BERNARDINO

CCRC is actively engaging with San Bernardino County leaders to promote the health and well-being of children, families and our communities. Activities to implement this work include the:

- Inland Empire Vibrant Health Leaders Forum - Strong from the Start

- San Bernardino County Community Vital Signs Implementation Committee meetings
- Inland Empire School-Based Health Symposium
- Children’s Health Strategic Planning Committee

CCRC aims to partner with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Victor Valley College, San Bernardino Valley College and First 5 San Bernardino to create workforce development pathways for high school students, family child care owners, and center-based teachers.

SB County’s GR team attends the State of the County to learn about the County’s vision moving forward, how CCRC can collaborate to improve children, family and community well-being, and connect with county leaders, elected officials and their staff.



Presenters and attendees at the Lunch and Learn

San Bernardino Lunch and Learn

CCRC and ECE Voices hosted a Lunch and Learn networking event for constituents and field representatives in the greater San Bernardino region. We had a great time meeting new people and connecting with like minded individuals who are working towards a better future for families and children.

[Read More](#)



Field Representative Edwin Delgado, Sr. Government Relations Specialist Jennifer Portillo, and Regional Director James Moses

Recognition from the Office of Supervisor Joe Baca

We are honored to have received recognition from the Office of Board of Supervisor Joe Baca for the ongoing advocacy efforts CCRC continues to do in the Supervisor’s district.

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