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Legislative Spotlight

CCRC extends a heartfelt thank you to the following legislators for authoring and defending these critical pieces of legislation, which garnered significant support in both houses.



Senator Menjivar

SB 1112 (Menjivar) Child Care: Alternative Payment Programs

SB 1112 will utilize administrative funds provided to Alternative Payment agencies to enhance navigation and referral support services for families. It ensures that children ages 0-5 who need additional services after screening are referred for further assessment and intervention at no cost to the parent. Thank you, Senator Menjivar and our fellow advocates and partners!

[Template Support Letter for SB 1112](#)



**Assemblymember
Schiavo**

AB 2343 (Schiavo) CalWORKs: Child Care Programs

AB 2343 will allow Alternative Payment agencies administering CalWORKs Stage 1 and 2 to use administrative funds for support services. These services will create referral pathways for families who are experiencing homelessness or escaping domestic violence to access stable child care in partnership with homeless and domestic violence agencies. The bill will stabilize more families who are impacted by housing insecurity and domestic violence. Thank you, Assemblymember Schiavo and our fellow advocates and partners!

[Template Support Letter for AB 2343](#)



**Assemblymember
Reyes**

AB 1930 (Reyes) Child Development Associate Teacher Permit Renewal

AB 1930 is a common sense solution to help ease the pressure of the ECE workforce shortage by removing restrictions on Associate Teacher permit renewals so a permit holder can renew their Associate Teacher permit indefinitely. This bill keeps experienced and passionate ECE workers in the field and serving California's children and families. Thank you, Assemblymember Reyes and our fellow advocates and partners!

Template Support Letter for AB 1930

How to Submit a Letter of Support to the Governor

Budget Wins for 2024

This year was the first major budget deficit year that the state of California has faced in well over a decade. Since the Governor released his preliminary budget plan in January, the state and the legislature has worked to close a projected \$38 Billion budget shortfall. CCRC in partnership with our ECE Coalition partners and with the support of the Legislative Women's Caucus, and other champions in the legislature, rallied to protect critical ECE and family well-being investments including:

- Ensuring Governor Newsom kept his 2021 Mother's Day promise of funding 200,000 child care spaces, now set to be fulfilled by 2028
 - Restored funding for 11,000 CCTR spaces
 - Restored \$100 million in funding for the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program
 - Secured an agreement for CDSS to continue reporting on the Alternative Methodology for Reimbursement Rates implementation process through January 2026
 - Secured an agreement for Child Care Provider Reimbursement Rates to be maintained at their current rate, including one time cost of care plus payments, until January 2026 when the Alternative Methodology is set to be implemented
 - Stopped proposed funding cuts to the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children
 - Mitigated large funding cuts from CalWORKs Home Visiting Program
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Trending Reports In The Field

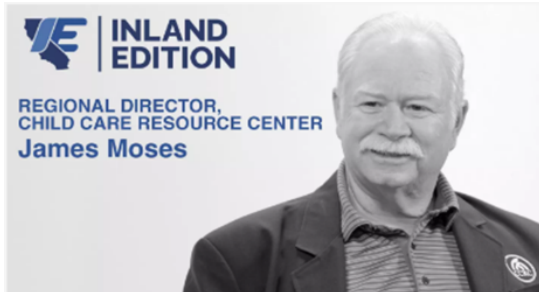
Articles:

- Child care is a 'textbook example of a broken market.' Where do Harris, Trump go from here? [Read More](#)

- How You Can Advocate for Better Laws to Help Your Children [Read More](#)
- California leaders working to make major investments in child care [Read More](#)

Podcasts:

- Check out the following podcast episodes with SBCSS and KVCR of the Inland Edition featuring CCRC Regional Director James Moses. Tune in to the latest episodes here:



(KVCR Podcast Episode)



(SBCSS Podcast Episode)

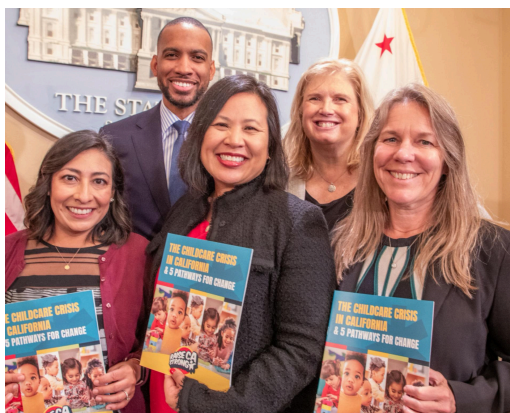
- First 5 California Executive Director Jackie Thu-Huong Wong raises awareness of the “Raise CA Strong Campaign” in the Capital Public Radio (CapRadio).

CapRadio

Statewide Updates

SACRAMENTO

Raise CA Strong Campaign



Blake Johnson with Child Action (back left), Donna Sneeringer with Child Care Resource Center (back right), Sara Bachez with Children Now (front right), Jackie Wong with First Five California (front center), and Shelly Masur with Low Income Investment Fund (front left)

Raise CA Strong, an initiative of First 5 California, was established to garner public support for expanding access to affordable child care for all families across the state. The initiative champions the health, well-being, and education of children, empower families, and bolsters California’s economy through increased availability of affordable child care. Officially launched on August 27, 2024 at a press conference at the California State Capitol, the campaign has garnered support from prominent figures including Senator Nancy Skinner, Assemblymembers Dr. Corey Jackson, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, and Kevin McCarty. Members of the ECE Coalition were also in support and attendance, such as Child Action, Low Income Investment Fund, Children Now, and [Child Care Resource Center](#). To view and learn more about [The Child Care Crisis in California & 5 Pathways for Change](#) report and Raise CA Strong campaign, visit [RaiseCAStrong.com](#).

LOS ANGELES

Back-to-School

CCRC hosted a Back To School event with Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo and Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.



Hear what families had to say about the event.

SAN BERNARDINO

This summer, CCRC met with San Bernardino District Offices to inform staff members about the positive impact we have accomplished in each of their districts.

Thank you to the District Offices we met with, which include:

- Congressman Pete Aguilar
- Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh
- Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes
- Assemblymember Chris Holden
- Assemblymember James C. Ramos
- Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez

IECF Policy Symposium



The Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF) recently hosted its highly anticipated Policy and Philanthropy Summit on August 1-2. Jennifer Portillo and James Moses, both of CCRC, attended. Presenters addressed critical issues and solutions on the following:

- What do equitable policies and practices in philanthropy look like?
- How to shape the future of philanthropy in our region.
- Significance of collaboration in being able to thrive.

Presenter informing the attendees of the vital conditions' framework.



IECF 2024 Policy & Philanthropy Summit
Recap

San Bernardino Lunch and Learn



Representatives from local, state, and federal offices attended this community networking event to learn directly from the field. It was inspiring to hear personal stories from advocates. Staff members also got to share best collaborative and outreach practices to build relationships with the community. Thank you to all the offices that participated in this wonderful event!

New Programs in San Bernardino County

CCRC will begin two new programs in the fall.

1. Road to Resilience Program. This program offered in our High Desert and Mountain communities will provide services to: pregnant individuals with known histories of substance use, pregnant individuals with current substance use, and parents/caregivers of substance-exposed infants.

2. [HFA](#) Home Visiting. A new home visiting program will be offered by CCRC in the High Desert. This program will serve parents and caregivers, of children 0-5, in the High Desert communities.

Stay tuned for more information, in our CCRC Government Relations Newsletter, as these programs become available to our San Bernardino County communities.

Upcoming Events



NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION

September 23 - 26, 2024
**National Head Start Association:
 Fall Leadership Institute**

NHSA's Conference is the space to have a conversation nationally and advocate for Head Start directly to Congress.



Every Story Matters

2024 CWDA Annual Conference
 October 9-11 | San Diego, CA

October 9 - 11, 2024
**County Welfare Directors Association of
 California (CWDA)
 2024 Annual Conference**

CWDA's highly anticipated conference centers on providing insight to the best practices and policies in human services. Registration will close on **Friday, September 13, 2024**, or sooner as conference capacity is reached.

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