

## **2024 CCRC Policy Priorities**

The Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) is a non-profit child and family service agency serving the San Fernando, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley regions of Los Angeles County, and the entirety of San Bernardino County. We work to achieve our agency mission to cultivate child, family and community well-being through collaborative partnerships, uplifting research and data through storytelling representative of those most impacted by the intended policy levers, and by strategically engaging in coalition work at the local, state, and federal levels.

Our policy priorities support the agency's vision of strong and resilient children and families living in thriving communities. CCRC strives to advance equitable policy solutions that uplift the well-being of all children and families. In partnership, with various coalitions, community-based organizations, and state departments we aim to disrupt systemic barriers of historically marginalized, under-resourced, and underserved communities. These barriers include but are not limited to lived experiences, poverty, race/ethnicity, language, gender, social-economic status, and community of residence.

### **Strong Resilient Children and Families**

- Sustain and expand child care subsidies to broaden access and equity for all California families. Advocate for funding to preserve and increase flexible options for working families in our 24/7 economy.
- Advocate for enhanced family support, ensuring access to services for raising healthy families. Develop appropriate emergency response models for families experiencing crisis including those related to homelessness, domestic violence, poverty, adverse health conditions (e.g., asthma, malnutrition), children engaged in the child welfare system including unaccompanied minors, and children and families of refugee status.

### **Supportive and Connected Communities**

- Work collaboratively with CCRC's statewide partners to align a broad array of supportive services for families with young children who are enrolled in child care and home visiting including but not limited to developmental screenings, behavioral health, nutrition, health care access and trauma informed and responsive practices to meet the needs of children, families, and the early childhood workforce.
- Support the child care and early learning community through direct placed-based systems of care services to children as multidisciplinary equitable supports to families as a seamless and timely point of service access.
- Advocate for the implementation of a single child care reimbursement structure for all provider types to reflect the current cost of care. Continue to support reform efforts to the reimbursement rate model to ensure all providers are adequately compensated in a sustainable mixed delivery system.
- Support a mixed delivery system for Universal Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten expansion.
  - Work collaboratively with state and local education agencies to provide services that meet the full-day, full-year needs of families and age-appropriate environments for children.
  - Support programs that create career pathways for the child care workforce through training, coaching, and support inclusive of all providers including home-based child care and innovative virtual and apprenticeship models.

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## **Sustained Public and Political Will**

- Continue to build and sustain collaborative relationships with state departments to actively provide policy guidance and recommendations.
- Advocate for a system that supports the whole family, parent resilience, and parent-child strength-based relationships.
- Support the expansion of prevention and early intervention infrastructure, including paid family leave, home visiting, developmental screenings, and timely and relevant services for developmental delays.
- Seek opportunities across programs to maximize federal eligibility and resources that reflect the needs of California families.
- Engage and educate parents and child care providers on existing and proposed programs, family and child rights and responsibilities.

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