

2019 Policy Agenda

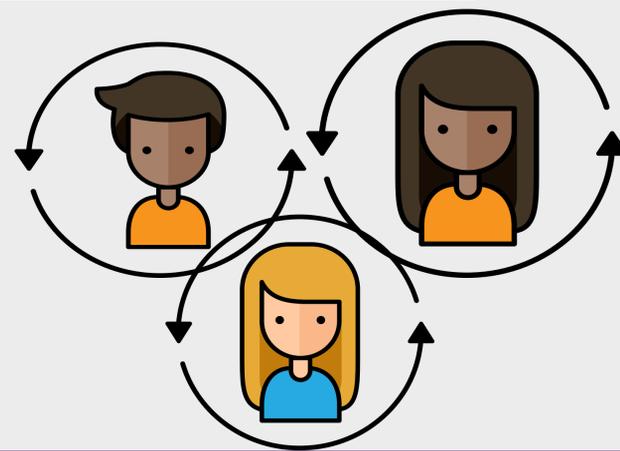
The Network is a membership organization of 58 California child care resource and referral agencies providing assistance with child care planning and support to families, training and recruitment of child care providers, and data collection and reporting on child care supply and demand in their communities.

The Network advocates for quality child care options that are accessible, affordable, and equitable, and that meet the needs of all of California's diverse families and communities.

The Network focuses on strengthening the home-based child care system to ensure that sufficient infant and toddler care, and care during non-traditional hours is available to families who need it.

Every family has access to quality, affordable child care and early learning opportunities:

- The availability of quality child care for infants and toddlers continues to increase
- Licensed child care provider capacity increases to meet demand
- Child care that meets the needs of children experiencing trauma, behavioral concerns, or other at-risk indicators is funded, accessible, and available



Child care and early learning providers have access to professional development and are paid sufficiently to provide high quality care and a living wage:



- Home-based child care providers receive equitable, adequate training and access to the support and quality improvement needed to provide high quality care
- The California State reimbursement for Child and Adult Care Food Program is reinstated to adequately reimburse child care providers for providing nutritious meals to the children in their care
- Increase reimbursement rates for subsidized child care to fully support the costs of providing high-quality child care in all settings
- Reimbursement rates for license-exempt child care providers increase to 70% of licensed provider rates

Systems and Infrastructure supporting child care and early learning is modern and efficient:

- Modernize TrustLine to ensure the continued health and safety of all children
- Continue investing in technology for a modern, accessible, and efficient child care provider and referral platform
- Continue towards full compliance with 2014 CCDBG requirements

