CALIFORNIA RESOURCE & REFERRAL IMPACT PROJECT



California Child Care Resource & Referral



FISCAL YEAR 2022-23



Child Care Resource & Referral (R&R) Agencies' Impact in California

FY 2022-23

Child care resource and referral agencies (R&Rs) are state-funded, community-based programs present in every county throughout California. Serving as reliable hubs for child care resources and information, R&Rs offer workshops, trainings, child care referrals, resources, and technical assistance tailored to meet the comprehensive needs of both parents and providers in the community, all provided at no cost to them. The R&R Impact Project quantifies the importance of R&Rs within their communities by highlighting the range of activities and services they deliver and assessing the positive outcomes experienced by parents and providers alike. 22 out of 69 R&Rs and 22 out of 58 counties participated in the R&R Impact Project this fiscal year.

In fiscal year 2022-23, participating resource & referral agencies...

- Provided families 226,983 child care referral and planning servicesⁱⁱ, including
 27,682 enhanced referralsⁱⁱⁱ
- Provided community/internal referrals to 42,902 parents and 61,273 child care providers

Of the parents surveyed...

86%

reported an **increased understanding** of community services and resources

 $n^{iv} = 719$

82%

were **more confident** in ability to find and choose child care

n = 972

57%

found child care from referral

n = 1261

80%

had an **increased understanding** of types of care and quality of care

n = 772

70%

were **able to access** the community/internal resource

n = 746

i. Some agencies submitted data for less than 4 quarters.
ii. Some referral data is from the CD2504 R&R Services Data report.
iii. Enhanced child care referrals are more time-intensive and customized. Examples: finding child care for children in the foster care system, open child protective service cases, children experiencing homelessness, or those with special needs.

iv. n = refers to sample size

Group Trainings and Workshops

R&Rs are a centralized resource in the child care infrastructure, sharing valuable information and guidance to parents and providers in the community. In addition to relevant content knowledge, trainings and workshops allow opportunities for connecting and relationship building. **Trainings and workshops covered 15 topics including all 12 Early Childhood and Education (ECE) competencies.**

Participating resource and referral agencies offered trainings and workshops to 4,367 parents and 27,726 providers...

Top 10 Most Attended Training and Workshop Topicsii



Number of Trainings and Workshops by Language

n = 1,935

Participating R&Rs provided trainings and workshops in seven different languages to parents and providers this fiscal year.

English	Spanish	Farsi	Russian	Chinese	Arabic	Dari
1,098	711	51	24	19	17	1

May be duplicated if participant attended multiple trainings and workshops or if trainings and/or workshops contained multiple topics

ii. R&Rs collectively covered over 15 topics in their trainings and workshops. Other topics covered include: Dual-Language Development; Observation, Screening, and Assessment; Culture, Diversity, and Equity; Leadership in ECE; Choosing Child Care (including subsidies).



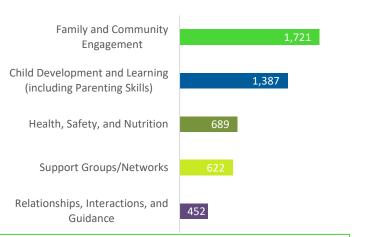
Group Trainings and Workshops

Top 5 Most Attended Training and Workshop Topics by Participant Typeⁱ

n = 32,093

Parents

License- Exempt or Pre-Licensed Providers





Key Findings: Parents

 Parents attended the Family and Community Engagement topic most; this topic underlies the importance of provider, parent and community collaboration on the child's overall well-being and success.

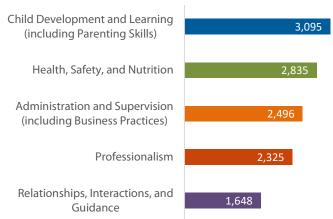
Key Findings: License-Exempt or Pre-Licensed Providers

• License-exempt providers or pre-licensed providers attended the Administration and Supervision (including Business Practices) topic the most. This is likely due to the Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP), a program within R&Rs that supports providers through the licensing process, opening a family child care home business, and best business practices.

Centers

Family Child Care Homes





Overall Findings: All Participants

- Health, Safety, and Nutrition is the second most attended topic for center staff, family child care home providers, and license-exempt
 or pre-licensed providers. This highlights the key role that R&Rs play to ensure providers are supported in making their spaces safe
 and providing proper nutrition to the children in their care.
- Relationships, Interactions and Guidance was the fifth most attended topic across all groups. This topic highlights the importance of social emotional development and peer interactions in children's well-being.

ii. The American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA, funds may have made this topic more popular as well



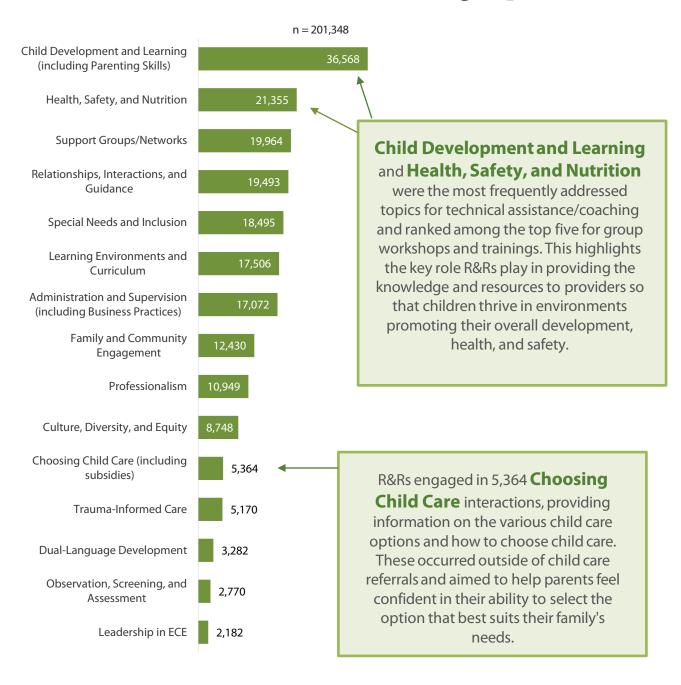
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One-on-One Technical Assistance/Coaching

R&Rs are an important resource for parents and providers seeking one-on-one technical assistance and coaching to deepen their understanding of subjects covered in group trainings and workshops, and/or to receive situation-specific guidance. **Technical assistance** involves **targeted support** in understanding and implementing services, provided by R&Rs through email, phone, or in-person interactions. **Coaching** is a **relationship-based process** focused on **goal setting and achievement.**

... and offered **201,348** Technical Assistance and Coaching interactions to parents and providers.

1:1 Technical Assistance & Coaching Topics



i. May be duplicated if participant attended multiple technical assistance and coaching topics and/or if technical assistance and coaching contained multiple topics



Impact of R&R Trainings and Workshops

Training and workshop attendees submitted evaluations. The results are summarized below.

As a direct result of the R&R's trainings and workshops:

- The vast majority of **providers** reported an increased understanding of child development and health and safety, were better able to implement the information, and felt more connected.
- Almost all **parents** reported an increased understanding of child development/parenting.

95%
of providers **felt more connected** to the child care
system and community n = 1,692

97%
of providers reported an increased knowledge of child development/business practices

n = 4,863

93%
of providers were better able to implement child development info

n = 4,428

96%
of parents reported an increased understanding of child development/

parenting n = 1,201

93%
of providers reported an increased knowledge of health & safety

n = 1,440

97%

of providers were better able to implement health & safety practices

n = 1,264

93% of providers were better able

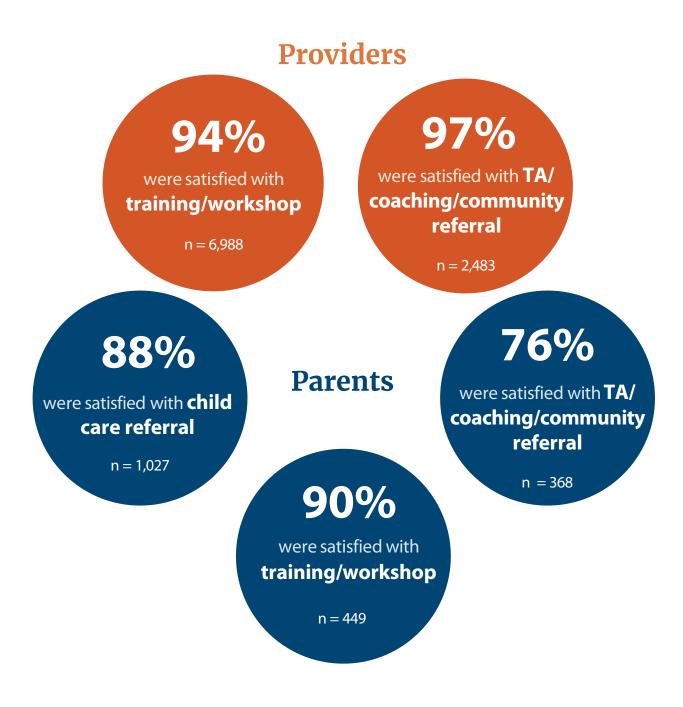
to open or maintain child care business

n = 2,535

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Satisfaction with R&R Services

Of the recipients surveyed, **parents** and **providers** reported high **satisfaction** with the services they received from the R&Rs.





R&R Network Member Organizations

*Changing Tides Family Services

*Child Action, Inc.

*Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo

Child Development Resource Center Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc.

Children's Council of San Francisco

*Children's Resource & Referral of

Santa Barbara County

*CocoKids

Colusa County Office of Education -Children's Services

*Community Action Partnership of Madera County

*Community Action Partnership San Luis Obispo

Community Child Care Council of Alameda Cty

Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County

*Community Connection for Child Care/KCSOS

*Community Resources for Children Connections for Children

Crystal Stairs, Inc.

*Del Norte Child Care Council Family Resource & Referral Center Glenn County Office of Education -Child & Family Services Go Kids, Inc.

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Human Response Network

Imperial County Office of Education

*Infant Child Enrichment Services

Inyo COE - Child Development Division

Kings Community Action Organization

*Lassen Child & Family Resources

Marin Child Care Council

Mexican American Opportunity

Foundation

Modoc Child Care R&R, Div. of Teach Inc.

*Mono COE

*Options for Learning

Orange County Department of Education

Pathways LA

Placer County Office of Education - Early

Childhood Education

Plumas Rural Services

*Pomona Unified School District, Child

Development

River to Coast Children's Services

*Riverside County Office of Education Santa Clara County Office of Education

*Shasta County Office of Education Sierra Nevada Children's Services

Siskiyou Child Care Council

Solano Family & Children's Services

Stanislaus County Office of Education

The Resource Connection

*Tulare County Office of Education

Wu Yee Children's Services

*YMCA Child Care Resource Service

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