



The Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) is a proven quality improvement project that delivers recruitment, training, and support for license-exempt caregivers (also known as family, friends and neighbors), prospective and licensed family child care providers throughout California.

Background

History & Purpose

Child care resource and referral (R&R) programs first implemented CCIP in 1985; by 2002, CCIP had expanded to all 58 counties in California. The project builds home-based child care (new and additional child care spaces) and improves the quality of care through:

- Assessment + analysis of child care supply and demand
- Recruitment of home-based child care providers
- Technical assistance (family child care application assistance and pre-licensing visits, health & safety requirements, etc.)
- Facilitation of educational opportunities (playgroups, caregiver cafes, training, and conferences)

Infant/Toddler Focus

The majority of California's infants and toddlers are cared for in home-based settings. CCIP places an emphasis on the recruitment and support of home-based care providers due to the limited availability of infant and toddler spaces and the unique strengths that home-based child care providers bring to their work.

Curriculum & Training Content

CCIP curriculum has three components, and is multilingual, strength-based, culturally relevant, and trauma-informed. Grounded in Health and Safety best practices, the California Department of Education (CDE) [Infant & Toddler \(I/T\)](#) and [Preschool](#) Foundations and [I/T](#) and [Preschool](#) Frameworks and the [California Early Childhood Educator \(ECE\) Competencies](#), they are:

- *Health & Safety*: trainings that align with the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) topic areas
- *Growing, Learning and Caring*: a license-exempt, two-generation play-based curriculum for playgroups
- *CCIP Modules*: training based on California's 12 ECE Competencies and sound family child care business practices.

The curriculum allows CCIP participants to meet CDE's [CA Career Lattice Educational Requirements](#), Level 2 with 16 hours of Health & Safety training and 45 hours of training (state-approved or R&R agency training).





Infrastructure Support

The California Child Care Resource & Referral Network (Network) supports implementation of CCIP at the local level, providing ongoing technical assistance to R&Rs and regular training of trainer events. The Network also provides support to local CCIP contractors that apply for CCIP State Match. This funding comes from the California Department of Education, Early Learning and Care Division (CDE, ELCD) and requires a 2:1 local funding match.

Accomplishments 2011 – 2020

Recruitment

- Recruitment efforts helped to establish 46,000 new family child care spaces for children, 75% of which were for infants/toddlers or preschool age children
- Recruited 5,750 new licensed family child care (FCC) providers
- Provided support to 798 FCC providers who expanded their licensed capacity from small to large, 514 that expanded to non-traditional hours of care and 436 expanded to serve additional infants and toddlers

Training

- Offered in multiple languages: Arabic, English, Farsi, Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese
- 3,286* participants completed Trainee (25 hours of CCIP training)
- 8,332* participants completed additional training (beyond 25 hours)

**Training data for FY 17-18 is not included in totals*

License-exempt Child Care

In fiscal year 2019 -2020, over 2,000 license-exempt child care providers attended at least one of the 998 license-exempt provider activities offered at a local R&R through CCIP. Of these providers, 69% were caring for a child with a child care subsidy. CCIP assisted 199 license-exempt child care providers to complete Community Care Licensing requirements, enabling them to open a family child care home program which increased the number of licensed child care spaces for children across the state of California.

