CALIFORNIA RESOURCE & REFERRAL IMPACT PROJECT



California Child Care Resource & Referral



FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

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

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. 24 out of 69 R&Rs and 23 out of 58 counties participated in the R&R Impact Project this fiscal year.

Child Care Referrals



R&Rs work closely with parents and caregivers to find child care that best meets their family needs. This process involves communicating with the parent/caregiver to understand their needs, explaining what their child care options are, and providing licensed child care sites (also known as child care referrals) from their comprehensive database of child care provides.

In fiscal year 2023-24, participating R&R agencies provided 162,418 child care referrals to parents, including 15,379 enhanced referrals.

Parents were provided a survey to measure the impact and satisfaction of the the services they received from R&R agencies. Results are shown below:

Satisfaction with child care referral

94%
n^{iii = 2,576}
90%
n = 1,879

Increased understanding of types of care and quality care

More confident in ability to find and choose child care

i. Some agencies submitted data for less than 4 quarters. Some agencies did not collect all data included in this report. ii. Enhanced child care referrals are more time-intensive and customized. Examples include finding child care for children in the foster care system, open child protective services cases, children experiencing homelessness, or those with special needs.

iii. n = refers to sample size



One- on-One Technical Assistance and Coaching

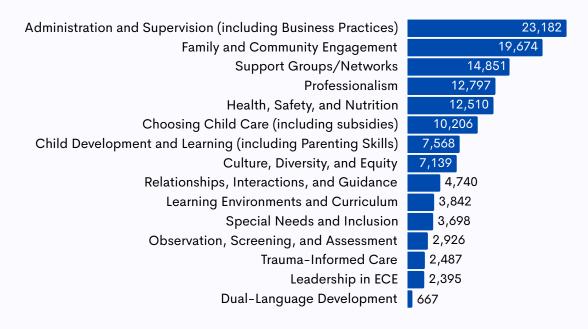


R&Rs are an important resource for parents and providers seeking one-on-one technical assistance and coaching to deepen their understanding of subjects covered in group trainings and workshops, and/or to receive situation- specific guidance. Technical assistance involves targeted support in understanding 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.

Participating R&R agencies provided technical assistance and coaching to 141,407 parents and providers.

1:1 Technical Assistance & Coaching Topics

n = 141,407



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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.

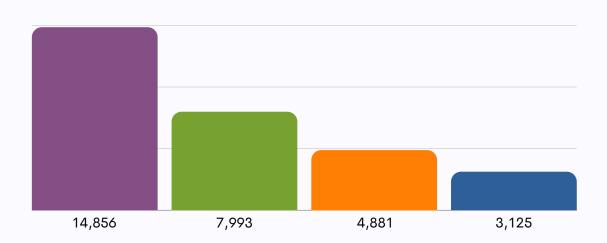


Participating R&R agencies provided trainings and workshops to 3,125 parents and 27,730 child care providers.

Workshop/Training Totals by Participant Type





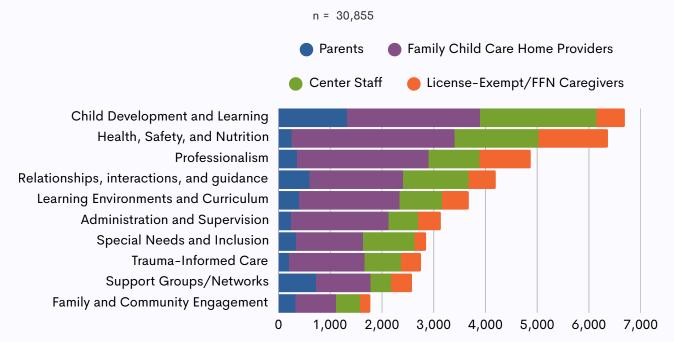


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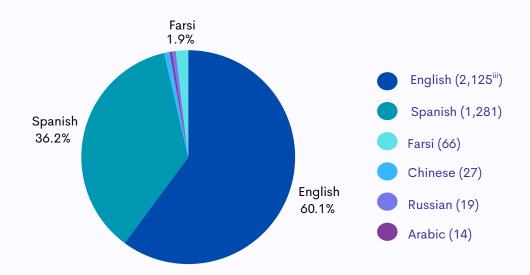


Group Trainings and Workshops

Top 10 Most Attended Training and Workshop Topicsⁱⁱ



Trainings and Workshops by Language



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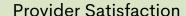
ii. R&Rs collectively covered over 15 topics in their trainings and workshops. Other topics covered include: Dual-Language Development; Observation, Screening, and Assessment; Culture, Diversity, and Equity; Leadership in ECE; Choosing Child Care (including subsidies).

iii. Number of trainings in each language

Impact and Satisfaction

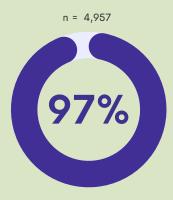
Training and workshop attendees submitted evaluations, and the vast majority of **providers** reported high satisfaction with the sessions.



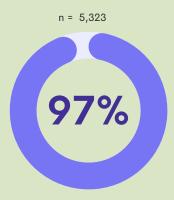


n = 6,279

94%



Increased knowledge of child development



Better able to implement child development information



Better able to open or maintain child care business

The majority of providers who submitted a survey indicated an increased understanding of child development, greater ability to implement child development information, and improved ability to open or maintain their child care business.

Thank You to All Participating R&Rs!

Hively - Alameda CocoKids - Contra Costa Del Norte Child Care Council - Del Norte Changing Tides Family Services - Humboldt Kern County Superintendent of Schools - Kern North Coast Opportunities, Inc. - Lake and Mendocino Options for Learning - Los Angeles Pomona Unified School District - Los Angeles Infant/Child Enrichment Services - Mariposa Merced County Office of Education - Merced Mono County Office of Education- Mono Community Resources for Children - Napa Riverside County Office of Education - Riverside Child Action, Inc. - Sacramento YMCA Childcare Resource Service - San Diego Family Resource Center - San Joaquin Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo - San Luis Obispo Child Care Coordinating Council - San Mateo Children's Resource & Referral - Santa Barbara Early Childhood Services - Shasta







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