California Child Care Resource & Referral N E T W O R K 2019 Policy Agenda

> The Network is a membership organization of 58 California childcare resource and referral agencies providing assistance with childcare planning and support to families, train and recruit childcare providers, and collect data and report on childcare supply and demand in their community.

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 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

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



Our goal is to ensure California's child care and early learning infrastructure is adequately funded, modern, efficient, and takes into consideration the ever-changing diversity of needs of California's families and communities. Child care is recognized as an integral part of California's infrastructure for economic growth, workforce development, employer support, and school readiness.