

C A L I F O R N I A  
**CCIP**  
Child Care Initiative Project

*CCIP is a quality improvement project that delivers recruitment, training, and support for prospective and licensed family child care providers throughout California.*

## Background

### History & Purpose

Since 1985 Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) programs have been implementing CCIP, which by 2002 had expanded to all 58 counties in California.

The CCIP builds home-based licensed capacity (new and additional child care slots) and improves the quality of care through:

- Assessment and analysis of child care supply and demand
- Recruitment of family child care providers
- Technical assistance and support for prospective and existing family child care providers (e.g., pre-licensing visits, environment assessments, etc.)
- *CCIP Module Training*. (to be considered a Trainee, participants must complete 25 hours of training; 5 hours from each module). Topic areas are:
  1. Operating a Strong Family Child Care Business
  2. Health, Safety and the Learning Environment
  3. Developmental Needs of Children
  4. Professionalism and Provider Support
  5. Infant/Toddler

Every year, CCIP contractors may apply for a CCIP State Match award from the California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division (CDE/EESD) to augment and expand CCIP services. A 2:1 local funding match is required to secure the match.

### Infant/Toddler Focus

CCIP places particular emphasis on the care of infants and toddlers. Due to the limited availability of infant and toddler spaces in center-based programs, affordability concerns and parental choice, the majority of California's infants and toddlers are cared for in home-based settings.

## Accomplishments FY 15-16

### Recruitment: Capacity Building

- Recruitment efforts helped to establish **4,816** new child care spaces for children, **75%** of which were for infants/toddlers or preschool age children
- Recruited **602** new licensed family child care (FCC) providers
- Provided support to **178** FCC providers for capacity expansion (i.e., infants/toddlers, non-traditional hour care and small to large licensure)

### Training: Quality Improvement

- Provided **5,502** training hours to CCIP participants
  - **367** participants completed Trainee requirements
  - **1,255** completed additional training (beyond 25 hours)
  - **2,052** participants are working towards completing Trainee requirements



CCIP is a project of the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network (Network) and is funded by the California Department of Education (CDE), Early Education & Support Division (EESD). Find your local CCIP/R&R: Call 1-800-KIDS-793 or visit [www.rnetwork.org/find\\_child\\_care](http://www.rnetwork.org/find_child_care).



## Research

### Study: Access to Quality Improvement Activities by Family Child Care Home Providers (2009)

The CDE/EESD contracted with WestEd's Center for Child & Family Studies Evaluation Team to conduct a descriptive study examining access to quality improvement activities by licensed family child care home providers in California.

- "CCIP helped them make positive changes to the family child care home environment, become more responsive to children, and use more positive guidance with the children in their care."
- "Most respondents entered the system through CCIP."
- "Most participated in CCIP (68 percent)."

### Child Care Initiative Project Retention Survey (2000)

The Network conducted a CCIP Retention Survey, involving 787 providers who had participated in CCIP in each funding cycle from 1997-2000. Of the respondents, 91 percent stated that CCIP was a significant reason for staying in the business; 95 percent of respondents rated the CCIP training as either excellent or good.

## Access

### Local Child Care R&Rs: Recruit, Train & Support Family Child Care Providers

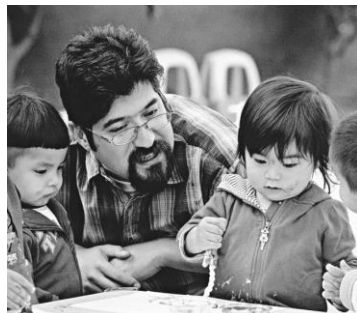
R&Rs, located in all 58 counties (70 projects), conduct CCIP to ensure that licensed family child care providers throughout California have access to high quality training and support services that are both meaningful and culturally relevant. Find your local CCIP/R&R: 1-800-KIDS-793 or visit [www.rrnetwork.org/find\\_child\\_care](http://www.rrnetwork.org/find_child_care).

## Infrastructure Support

### Training, Technical Assistance, and Resource Development

The Network has developed training modules (English and Spanish) about health, safety, nutrition, child development and behavior, guidance, family support, character education, play, and family literacy. Development of the *CCIP Training Modules* to support consistent, quality training throughout California is ongoing.

The Network supports implementation of CCIP at the local level, providing ongoing technical assistance to R&Rs and regular training of trainer's events, both regionally and statewide. The Network provides critical support for the infrastructure of quality professional development services for licensed family child care providers from diverse backgrounds.



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