



Meet the R&R Network

Dear Select Committee on Child Care Costs,

Thank you for your commitment to improving child care costs in California. We are the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network (Network), a membership organization that engages in direct service training and public policy advocacy for resource and referral agencies (R&Rs) across California.

Written into WIC Code 10219, R&Rs programs provide free information to all parents and the community about the availability of child care in their area. They assist potential providers in the licensing process; provide direct services, including training; and coordinate community resources for the benefit of parents and local child care providers. Their services are available in all 58 California counties.

R&Rs are trusted sources of information, resources, and one-on-one support for families with children. They are the eyes and ears of their communities and are key to understanding both local and statewide child care needs.

Linda Asato

Executive Director

California Child Care Resource & Referral Network (Network)

California Child Care Resource & Referral



What do R&Rs do?

1

Child Care Referrals

- Help families find and choose child care that best meets their needs.
- Respond to the community's changing needs and refer families to other community services.

2

Provider Services

- Work with child care providers to improve the quality of care and to maintain and expand the supply in their county.
- Provide training and other services that help child care providers stay in business.

3

Data

- Document and track parents' requests for child care services, providers' licensing status, the languages they speak, the age groups they serve, the schedules they offer, and the number of spaces available in centers or family child care homes.

4

Community Support

- Educate local communities and leaders to understand child care issues and to plan effectively to address child care needs.



What does the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network (Network) Do?

1

Policy

- The policy department monitors state and federal budgets and legislation, advocating both statewide and nationally for increased child care funding and resources.
- Learn more about [our policy work](#)

2

Research

- The research team analyzes and reports on various child care issues, particularly around child care supply and demand.
- Learn more about [our research](#)

3

Child Care Provider Recruitment and Training

- The Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) builds and improves the supply and quality of family child care in California.
- Learn more about CCIP and [becoming a licensed child care provider](#)

4

Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program)

- The Bridge Program helps place foster children in home-based child care, and implements trauma-informed care training for child care providers.
- Learn more about the [Bridge Program](#)

5

Background Checks (TrustLine)

- TrustLine is California's official criminal background check for nannies, babysitters, and other license-exempt child care providers.
- Learn more about [TrustLine](#)

Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP)

FY 23-24



Care. Connect. Grow.

Strengthening California's Home-Based Child Care

CCIP Child Care Initiative Project



Since its inception in 1985, CCIP has been implemented statewide by child care resource & referral programs (R&Rs), reaching all 58 counties in California since 2002. CCIP focuses on recruiting, supporting, and offering professional development opportunities to both prospective and existing home-based child care providers (licensed and exempt), particularly those caring for infants, toddlers, and children whose families receive child care subsidies.

CAPACITY BUILDING

CCIP participants in FY 2023-2024, consisted of more than 3,000 Family Child Care Home (FCCH) providers who received technical assistance and support to either become licensed, expand their license, or re-open their previously closed FCCH.

232

Expanded from small to large.

157

Expanded to nontraditional hours.

218

Expanded to serve infants & toddlers.

2,495

CCIP participants initiated the FCCH licensure process or became licensed.

12,392

Estimated number of additional child care slots created in FY 23-24 across CA.

2,487
Home Visits

280,783

TA/Coaching Instances

16,099
Office Visits

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

FCCH and LE/FFN Child Care Providers in California improved the quality of their programs and services with support from R&Rs through technical assistance, coaching, training, and learning activities targeted to the needs of their providers and communities.

1,490

Unique Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Caregivers that participated in learning activities.

4,233

CCIP Participants completed CCIP Training.

CCIP & SUBSIDY RECIPIENTS

Providers who participated in CCIP cared for children and families receiving child care subsidy.

31%

Of LE/FFN caregivers participating in CCIP cared for at least one child receiving a child care subsidy during the FY.

71%

Of FCCH Providers participating in CCIP cared for at least one child receiving a child care subsidy during the FY.

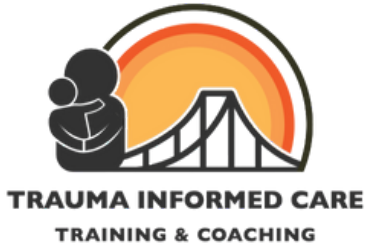
Data points were extracted from R&R FY 23-24 year-end reports and compiled by the Network. CCIP is a project of the California Department of Social Services.



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NETWORK



TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TRAINING & COACHING PROGRAM

Overview of Fiscal Year 2022-2023

The Bridge Program

In 2018, The Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children was implemented by the California County Child Welfare Agencies in partnership with their local Resource and Referral (R&R) Programs, with funding from Senate Bill 89. The program includes a Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) training and coaching component for child care providers.

TIC at The Network

The California Child Care Resource & Referral Network (Network) developed TIC curriculums for R&R trainers and coaches.

With Network support, these R&R trainers and coaches help child care providers create safer and more nurturing environments for children who have experienced trauma while building their own self-care strategies.

The program aims to:

Increase capacity of child care programs to meet the needs of children in foster care.

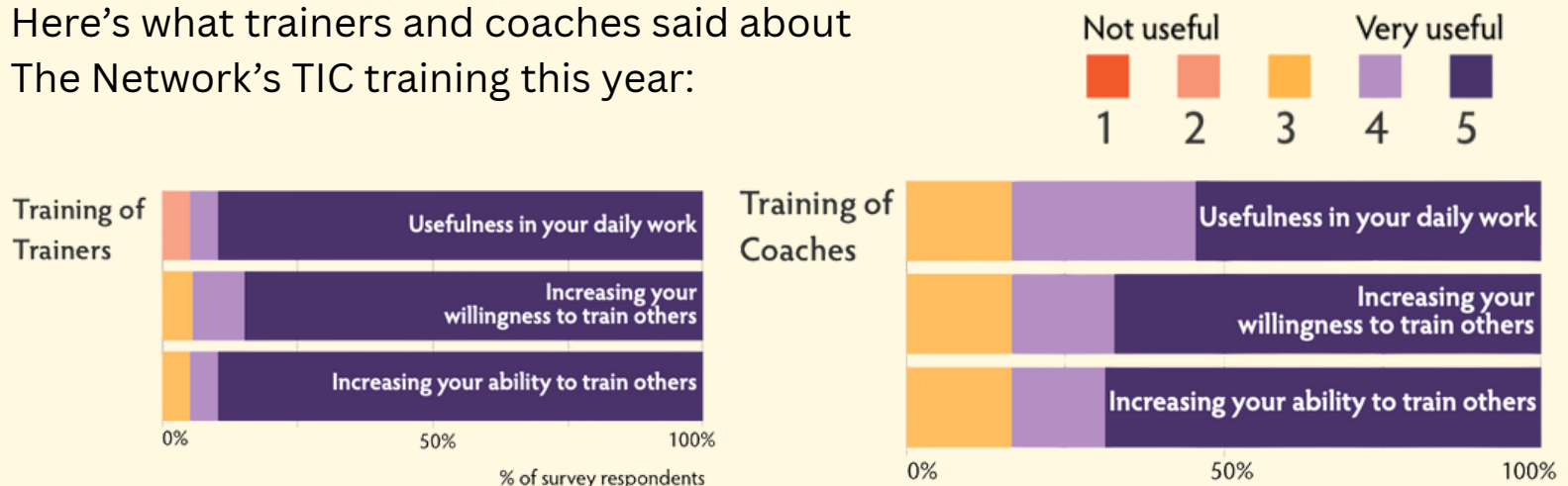
Maximize funding to support the child care needs of eligible families.

Since the Bridge Program started in 2018, **51 counties** have participated in the training & coaching program. **327 trainers** have been authorized in Modules 1&2 107 in Module 3.

This year local R&Rs on the Bridge Program offered:

More than **1,300** TIC trainings
More than **6,000** coaching sessions.

Here's what trainers and coaches said about The Network's TIC training this year:



The Network's TIC Communities of Support

Communities of Practice

A space for trainers to share successes, resources, and thought processes.

Learning Community Webinars

The Network and R&Rs share program updates and new knowledge.

Navigator Learning Community

Navigators learn from one another and share best practices.

This year the Network hosted:

28 Communities of Practice

5 Learning Community Webinars

7 Navigator Learning Community calls

“The additional offerings through the Network continue to build my knowledge and confidence as a trainer and coach and offer me the opportunity to network with other coaches and trainers. I appreciate the communities of practice providing an open forum where we can come with questions, struggles and ideas to further the work for all of us.” - TIC Trainer

5 Cohorts of Modules 1 & 2

4 Cohorts of Module 3

41 New TIC Trainers Authorized in Modules 1 & 2

32 New TIC Trainers Authorized in Module 3

“This training is support not only to those you serve but also to yourself, it offers tools and a deeper understanding and compassion for yourself and those around you.” - TIC Trainer

Training of Trainers Curriculum Offered in English and Spanish

Module 1:

Overview of Trauma-Informed Care

Module 2:

Enhancing Caregiver Resiliency

Module 3:

Historical and Intergenerational Trauma

Training of Coaches Curriculum

Coaching Caregivers

Trauma-Informed Care Guidebook

Developing Coaches' Self-awareness, Presence, and Reflections in Coaching

Relationship Building Between TIC Coaches and Child Care Providers

6 Trainings offered

75 Coaches attended

“Participating in the training of Coaches has enhanced my skills and built my confidence.” - Coach

“It's important to your work, it's important to attend as a human living in the world.” - Coach

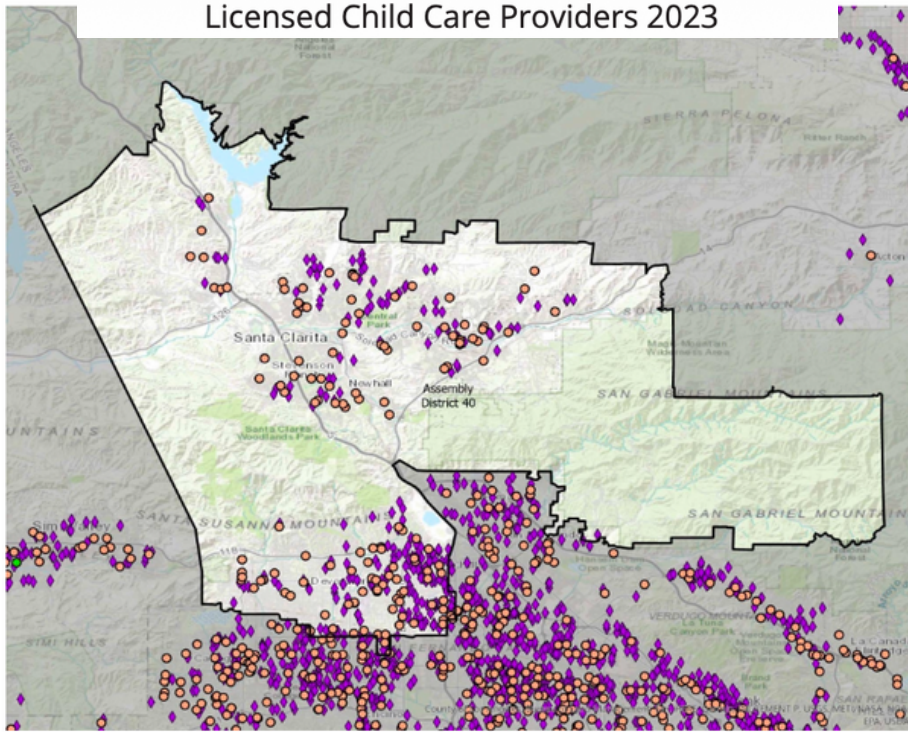
What Does Child Care Look Like in Your District?

R&Rs in AD 40

[Visit Their Website Here](#)



Assembly District 40 Licensed Child Care Providers 2023



Total Number of Child Care Facilities: 386

- Non-Subsidized Child Care Centers: 160
- Subsidized Child Care Centers: 0
- ◆ Family Child Care Homes: 226

Licensed child care provider data were collected from child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies which are state funded community-based organizations that provide on-the-ground child care information and family support services. CCR&R agencies collect local child care supply and demand data.

For statewide and county level data, please visit our [2023 Child Care Portfolio](#).

Cost of Care

Annual Full-Time
Cost of Care for
Infants (0-23
Months)

	California	Los Angeles
Center	\$19,718.92	\$13,363.00
Family child care home	\$14,787.24	\$14,787.00

[Source: CA Child Care R&R Network Data Tool](#)

	California	Los Angeles
Center	\$11,699.48	\$11,699.00
Family child care home	\$11,628.76	\$11,529.00

Annual Full-Time
Cost of Care for
Preschool (2-5
Years)

