

California Child Care Resource & Referral



Call for Presentations Guidelines - Annual Conference 2026

Share your knowledge, engage and inspire your peers!

Proposals due June 5, 2026

Audience

This year, the CA Child Care R&R Network and Thriving Families CA Foundation, Joint Annual Conference will be back in person! We expect 600 individuals to attend this year's joint conference in-person. Our attendees primarily come from the early care and education field including alternative payment programs, resource and referral programs, county welfare departments, and county offices of education. Attendees typically are public and private non-profit CEO's, executives, subsidy child care administrators, family caseworkers, resource and referral and alternative payment counselors and trainers, food program administrators, and advocates.

Proposal Guidelines & Review Process

We welcome individual as well as joint proposals and we encourage creative interactive formats for presentations. We thank you in advance for volunteering your time to present a workshop! We do not pay an honorarium for workshop presentations, and presenters must cover their own travel and printing expenses. Please provide appropriate handouts for all workshops; we will offer them online.

Proposals are evaluated and reviewed by the R&R Network and TFC Joint Conference Committee based on the following guidelines:

- Timely or innovative topic
- Overall quality, well-defined focus and clearly identified outcome objectives
- Practical application of materials and relevance to audience
- Inclusion of participatory activities and engagement

No workshops will be allowed for the purpose of promoting and/or selling any product or company. We encourage workshops that include small group work, brainstorming, roundtable discussions or other networking-type activities. *As the committee reviews the proposals, we may request presenters to form panels and we may edit proposal titles or request modifications to descriptions.*

Conference Theme

The theme for this year's conference is ***Partnering for Impact: Strengthening Families, Supporting Communities***. We are encouraging presenters to create workshops that align with this theme in mind, as either the primary focus of the session or with the theme infused in some way.

Presentation Formats

The conference schedule is October 7-9, 2026; beginning Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and ending Friday at Noon. Workshop sessions are either 1 hour and 30 minutes, or 2 hours in length (limited slots).

Possible Topics

The list of workshop topics below are *examples only* and we consider all proposals.

Executives & Managers: The Future of R&R and AP Programs, Whole Family Services, Diversify Programs, Fund Development, Staff Recruitment/Retention/Changing Workforce/HR/Leadership/Succession Planning, Working with the CCPU (Child Care Providers United Union), Contracts and Budgets, State Reviews & Monitoring, Leadership/Management Supports; Private Equity Issues & Challenges

Promoting Self-Care, Wellness & Resilience: Time Management, Stress Reduction, Work/Life Balance, Learning Styles and Understanding, Support Systems for Staff, Finding Common Ground

AP Administration: Fiscal Trainings, Audits, Need/Eligibility, Supporting Provider Understanding and Payments, Quality Control, Case Management/Digital Case Management, Communicating Program Changes, Family Enrollment Events

Supporting & Working with Child Care Providers: Provider Engagement, Title 22 Regulations/Licensing, Recruitment/Training, Bilingual Support, Business/Marketing, Shared Services, Supporting Providers with Technology, Engaging/Supporting FFNs, TrustLine and Guardian, Supporting Children with Disabilities, Health & Safety and Disaster Preparedness

Strengthening Families/Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Trauma Informed Care (TIC): Implicit Bias/Anti-Racism Education and Practices, Disrupting Inequities in ECE, Creating an Anti-Racist and Unbiased Child Care and Early Education System, Trauma-Informed Care, Parent Involvement and Engagement (Fathers, Grand-Families as Primary Caregivers), Serving Diverse Communities, Solution-oriented/Strength-based Language, Active Listening, Empathy and Professionalism, Emergency Child Care Bridge Program

Building Knowledge in the Child Care Field/Emerging Issues:, Career Pathways/Coaching for ECE, English Language Learners, Navigating the Child Welfare System, Working with other ECE Partners, Using Data to Plan for Child Care, Maximizing Digital Communication, Reimagining a Stronger Child Care System, Economic Impacts Affecting Children, Families and/or Providers, Impacts and Coordination with UPK, Quality Improvement Activities, Building the Supply of Infant/Toddler Care

Public Policy & Advocacy: What's Current & What's Next on the Political Horizon State/Federal, Advocacy Strategies & Successes, Public Policy Goals & Development, Advocacy Needs & Efforts on Behalf of Families and Providers, Partnerships that Support Parent/Provider Leadership

[CLICK HERE](#) for Presentation Application. ***The submission deadline is June 5.***