



Featured Agency of the Month! Central Valley Children's Services Network

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Central Valley Children's Services Network (CSN) is the premier source for child care resource and referral services in Fresno County. For over 40 years, CSN has proudly provided early support services for parents; child care providers and children that help meet our mission of "Improving the quality of care for all children of the Central Valley." At CSN we understand that quality child care goes beyond meeting the licensing requirements; it enhances the social, emotional, intellectual, physical, linguistics, and creative development of a child. CSN considers children to be our most precious resource; deserving of the most optimal care possible. We want parents with child care needs to be informed about what quality child care is and the programs that we provide aim to help!

CSN was initially created in 1976 as *F.I.N.D. Care (Families In Need of Day Care)*; a child care resource and referral program administered by the Fresno County Community Council. In the early 80's the council recognized that families needed services aside from child care referrals. Funding was provided to offer the **Subsidized Child Care Program** which assists families in paying for child care and the **Child Care Food Program**, a support for providers through partial reimbursement for healthy meals served in their care. In 1983-1984 these programs were consolidated under the umbrella name Children's Services Network; incorporated as a private non-profit and designated as *Central Valley Children's Services Network*; Fresno County's Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. Today CSN houses 8 programs to help ensure that children are given the optimal care needed for a happy, healthy future. Additional programs at CSN include: **Resource and Toy Lending Library** containing over 8,000 toys, books, learning kits etc. available for check-out by families and providers free of charge; **Child Care Initiative Project**, a recruitment and training program for individuals interested in becoming licensed child care providers; **Quality Improvement Support Team** on-going support for child care providers through trainings on best practices and assessment tools; **Parent Outreach** an advocacy program that encourages parent groups to meet identify issues and develop action plans to ensure children receive affordable quality care; **Family Connections Program** an opportunity for children ages 0-5 to receive developmentally appropriate school readiness experiences through home visitation. At CSN we like to say, "If it's related to child care, we can help!"