



Featured Agency of the Month! Community Child Care Council (4Cs) of Sonoma County- March 2017



[The Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County \(4Cs\)](#) is a non-profit organization established in 1972 serving children, families and providers as a community based hub addressing child care needs. In 2017 we celebrate 45 years fulfilling our mission to inspire our community to support the well-being of every child and to improve the quality and availability of child care in Sonoma County. In celebration of our 45th anniversary we will bring back a fundraiser from 4Cs early history. Each fall we host a Champions for Children event celebrating and recognizing the champions in our community. Our mission influences daily decision making as well as future planning with a mixed funding model of Federal, State and local funding. This past year we integrated Strengthening Families Frameworks as a lens to view our work with all clients.

- We improve the quality of care for children through our many workshops and trainings for preschool and child care teachers and providers through the Resource and Referral (R&R) department. R&R provides consumer education on how to choose a high quality early care and education program answering 11,439 calls last year. Additionally, we operate a Resource and toy Lending Library for providers and.
- Our Child Health and Nutrition program enables licensed family child care providers in Sonoma, Napa and Marin counties to serve healthy snacks and meals to 3,300 children in their care. Providers receive annual home visits and training, information and resources about nutrition, and physical activity.
- The Early Care and Education Services include the Alternative Payment Program administers the CAPP, CalWORKS Stages 2 and 3 programs. Serving 1,813 children last year providing funding for parents to selected child care that meets their needs in these programs. Additionally, 500 children received high quality preschool at 11 4Cs sites offering a combination of part day and full day services. 4Cs preschools are listed as a tier 2 program on the Upstream Portfolio, have received top tier rating through Sonoma County's Quality Improvement Rating System, and some are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). In 2017 we will be opening and expanding two more preschool programs with local partners.
- 4Cs hosts a Childcare Eligibility List (CEL), which allows our organization to share local protective services parent information to all subsidized programs located within Sonoma County.

4Cs runs a Value In Preschool (VIP) Scholarship program developed locally giving children who would not otherwise be able to attend preschool the opportunity to attend a high quality VIP preschool the year before kindergarten, providing an early educational base for success in life.

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