



May 2019 Featured Agency of the Month

Child Action, Inc.



[Child Action, Inc.](#) is a private, nonprofit organization created in 1976 to provide for the education and social welfare of children and families and to advocate on their behalf. Our goal is to partner with families and assist them in the care and education of their children and to advocate beside them in support of their concerns. We want to do our part in promoting the healthy growth and development of children and families living in Sacramento County. We strive to meet the needs of our community and as those needs change, we do our best to continue to grow and develop our services to better serve parents and providers. We are proud of the diversity of our staff which is able to assist parents and providers in 23 different languages!

Services for families and providers:

- **Child Care Subsidy:** We currently provide child care subsidies for approximately 8,500 children through the CalWORKS Stages 2 and 3 programs and the Alternative Payment Program (CAPP).
- **Child Care Referrals:** As the state-funded Resource and Referral program serving Sacramento County, we provide free child care information and referrals to all parents living and/or working in Sacramento County. Last fiscal year, we provided child care referrals to 4,107 families for 5,078 children. Families can receive child care referrals and consumer education information online, at our offices or by phone.
- **Child Care Eligibility List (CEL):** We maintain an eligibility list for participating child care subsidy programs throughout Sacramento County. This list provides a central registry where families can sign up to be notified of subsidized services available for their children at subsidized child care centers, family child care networks, and Child Action, Inc.'s child care subsidy program.
- **Foster Care Bridge Program:** We partner with the Sacramento County Department of Social Services to provide emergency child care vouchers, child care navigation services and trauma-informed care training and coaching to help address lack of child care as a barrier for families otherwise willing to bring a foster child into their home and for parenting foster youth.
- **Single Point of Entry:** We serve as the single point of entry for providers to create a seamless transition from Stage 1 to Stage 2. All providers caring for families on Stage 1 (administered by Sacramento County), Stage 2, Stage 3 or CAPP are enrolled by our provider department.
- **Technical Assistance:** We provide technical assistance, training and consultation to Sacramento child care and early learning community to help ensure that an adequate supply of quality child care services is available throughout Sacramento County. Last year over 9,000 members of our community received assistance from us on a broad range of topics including phone counseling, handouts and resource materials, site visits, video and book loans.
- **Quality Child Care Collaborative (QCCC):** We are a proud partner of this collaborative that is a partnership of community agencies, educational and governmental institutions that help licensed child care centers and family child care homes provide quality child care programs for our children. These services are free for providers and include Early Learning Professional Development, Environmental Assessments, Quality Improvement Assistance and Mental Health & Special Needs Consultation.

- **Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES):** We administer this program which encourages professional and retention of the early-learning workforce by awarding stipends to applicants who complete educational requirements.
- **Health Training Scholarships:** Last year, health training scholarships in the amount of \$23,840 were provided to 334 child care teachers and family child care home providers.
- **TrustLine Services:** TrustLine is California's registry of in-home child care providers, tutors and in-home counselors who have passed a background screening. We provide information on TrustLine to families and exempt child care provider and assist with the application process.
- **Workshops and Trainings:** Last fiscal year, we facilitated 151 workshop sessions in English, Russian, Farsi and Spanish languages serving 1,564 participants. These sessions covered topics of parenting, child development and behavior, starting a child care business, conducting quality assessments, health issues and services, behavior management, inclusion of children with special needs, child abuse prevention, language and literacy, school readiness, Infant/toddler Care, curriculum development, academic advising, and obtaining child development permits.
- **Advocacy and Community Education:** We actively advocate and provide community education by issuing a Child Action, Inc. News & Notes bulletin, by participating on local boards and by being a member of community task forces. Last year we made presentations to over 1,200 people at community fairs, meetings, public hearings and other gatherings.

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