

June 2020 Featured Agency of the Month

Children's Home Society of California



For over 129 years, [Children's Home Society of California \(CHS\)](#) has adapted to the changing needs of children and families. Since 1891, CHS has worked diligently to protect our community's children and strengthen their families through diverse programs and services. The mission of CHS is to reach out to children and families at risk with a range of services that ensure every child the opportunity to develop within a safe, healthy, and secure environment.

To fulfill our mission, CHS provides a variety of services to children and families in California and nationwide - working to improve their quality of life by offering vital informational, educational, and resource services, which include Early Learning and Education Programs, our Family Education Program, the Oakland Family Resource Center, the Orange County Neighborhood Resource Network, and additional family resource services. Along with helping children and their families, CHS is an expert resource for child care providers, other social service agencies, and government agencies at the local, state, and national level.

Early Learning and Education Programs

The overall goals of Early Learning and Education Programs (ELEP) are to assist low-income parents in achieving self-sufficiency, to promote quality child care by providing resources and training to child care providers, and to provide education and resources to parents.

In Fiscal Year 2017, ELEP, CHS's largest service area, provided services in six communities throughout the state, including providing child care services for over 5,900 children, and support to families by responding to over 11,000 requests for child care referrals and technical assistance. ELEP also provides support to families and children of all ages.

Early Learning and Education Programs include the following:

Child Care Resource & Referral Program

The Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) Program provides supportive child development services. Through this program, CHS provides parents with referrals to licensed child care, educates parents regarding choosing quality child care, and provides parent and provider education through newsletters, workshops, a resource library, and ongoing resource distribution.

Child Care Payment Program

The Child Care Payment Program (CCPP) provides subsidized child care services to eligible families through general Alternative Payment and CalWORKs funding. Through these programs, participating families select the licensed or license-exempt child care provider of their choice, as parents work, seek employment, or attend school or job training programs.

Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN)

The Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN) provides eligible families subsidized child care services with the enhanced component of a collaborative partnership between the parent, child care provider, and CHS. Providers in licensed family child care homes receive ongoing training and technical assistance from CHS. Together, strategies and goals are discussed that will promote each child's optimal development.

Additional programs CHS offers:

Post Adoption Program

For more than a century, CHS adoption services brought thousands of children and families together. We now assist CHS adult adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents of minors seeking post adoption information and services.

Family Education Program

The Family Education Program offers free brochures, podcasts, interactive materials, newsletters, and workshops on various parenting topics. Materials are available in English, Korean, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.