

November 2019 Featured Agency of the Month

Infant Child Enrichment Services (I.C.E.S.)



In 1980, Infant Child Enrichment Services (I.C.E.S.) opened to begin operating a child care center with grant funding from the California Department of Education. Two years after that, ICES was awarded a state contract to operate a Child Care Resource and Referral Program (CCR&RP) in Tuolumne County and one year later, opened a CCR&RP in Mariposa County.

In 1986, ICES began operating the subsidized Alternative Payment Program in both Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties. In a span of 6 years, the agency grew from one subsidized child care center program to an incorporated, independent non-profit agency operating in 2 counties.

Both Mariposa and Tuolumne County implement CalWORKS Stage 1 in addition to Stage 2, 3 and CAPP. While new staff have joined the Mariposa and Tuolumne offices within the last 3 years, our Mariposa office has one employee who has been dedicated to AP work for 20 years which is a real testimony to the meaningful work we do to provide families with state-funded child care subsidies.

In 2007, Tuolumne ICES was awarded a CDBG grant to allow us to purchase a building in East Sonora that serves as ICES' main office. Upon the move, due to space constraints, the child care center operations were discontinued

Today, Infant Child Enrichment Services has grown to employ 16 staff who are committed to provide quality community services and fills an important role in both Mariposa and Tuolumne County. We also are very pleased to have remodeled both office's to create parent appointment areas that is both appealing and welcoming to children and families.

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