October 2019 Featured Agency of the Month
Supportive Services Inc.

Supportive Services, Inc. was the first "parental choice" Alternative Payment Program established in Fresno, California on November 5, 1976. The agency is contracted with the California Department of Education to provide subsidized child care to over 4,000 children whose parents reside in Fresno County. In addition, the agency has administered various child development contracts over the course of 43 years. Presently, we administer CAPP, C2AP, and C3AP contracts.

The agency provides assistance on a non-discriminatory basis extending equal treatment and access to services for children, parents and providers. The agency's ability to offer a maximum level of support is due to the longevity of our exceptional staff. Many employees have been with the agency a minimum of ten years; supporting the mission of CDE to offer 'continuity in services.' Our parents love to see familiar faces!

Supportive Services, Inc. has also had the pleasure of serving as the lead agency for the Fresno Area Child Development Consortium for 29 years. The agency offers a venue to collaborate with various community-based organizations including school districts, subsidized/non-subsidized providers, community colleges, universities, social service agencies and businesses to establish partnerships in meeting the diverse needs of the families of Fresno County.

Recently, Supportive Services, Inc. had the opportunity to host the end of the year luncheon for the Fresno Area Child Development Consortium in which Dr. Joseph Martinez was honored for his invaluable years of service to the Central Valley prior to his retirement in July 2019. It is hard to image that 43 years ago we began as a three-person operation with a goal to uplift the 80 children enrolled on our program; to now 30 staff and growing, and thousands of children in Fresno County thriving due to the funding and support of the CDE's APP programs.

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