



Marin Child Care Council (MC3)

Founded in 1979, Marin Child Care Council is a 501(C)(3) non-profit agency that offers a variety of services for parents, child care providers and the community that are essential to the delivery of quality child care in Marin County.

Our Mission is to improve the availability, accessibility and affordability of quality early childhood education and care.



What We Do:

Child Care Subsidy Programs: Marin Child Care Council currently serves over 1000 children in various voucher-based child care programs. *See reverse for details.*

Centralized Eligibility List (CEL)

The CEL is a list of eligible families needing child care assistance in Marin County. All child care programs in Marin that are funded by the California Department of Social Services identify families from this list to offer subsidized child care. Families are eligible if: they have a gross monthly income that is than 85% of the state median income, have children under the age of 13, and have a need for care that includes one or more of the following: working, looking for work, seeking permanent housing, medically incapacitated, at risk, or are enrolled in school/ training.

Parents In Action (PIA)

Parent education, advocacy and leadership development are core components of our parent participation program. Parent Cafes are an integral component. Parents in Action uses a strengthening families lens to support all families in reaching their goals.



Resource and Referral Programs:

Child Care Search - we provide free assistance connecting families with licensed child care providers. We maintain an up-to-date database of licensed child care programs in Marin County, through a partnership with the CA Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing.

Trainings and Workshops - we provide a wide array of incredible trainings and workshops for the ECE workforce. Professional Development training hours are tracked through the CAREgistry.

Health & Safety - we offer low-cost CPR, first aid and child care Health & Safety trainings in English and Spanish.

HEAL - This program focuses on policies, systems and practices to support Healthy Eating and Active Living and other wellness work in child care programs, supporting quality efforts through training and coaching.

Marin Quality Counts - Marin Quality Counts is a collaborative initiative (with Marin County Office of Education, First 5 Marin and others) promoting excellence in early care and education for programs, providers and families.

Playgroups - family members and/or caregivers of children 0-5 are welcome to join us bi-weekly for support, socialization and intentional, developmentally appropriate learning experiences.

Lift-Up - Three year Guaranteed Income Pilot for ECE Teachers.

Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) - The Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) serves home-based child care providers (licensed family child care providers & non licensed family, friend, neighbor caregivers) and is also for people interested in, and working towards becoming licensed family child care providers. CCIP works to increase capacity and improve quality in home-based child care.

Striving for Excellence (SFE) - our annual conference for early childhood educators and professionals in Marin and surrounding counties. The conference enables people who are working with children, directly or indirectly, to obtain training in a comfortable setting. Attendees include: licensed family child care providers, child care center staff, administrators, and other interested community members.

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