



“The mission of the California Child Care Coordinators Association is to promote, support, and improve the coordination of local efforts to provide early care and education services for children in California.”

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California Child Care Coordinators Association

2009-10 Public Policy Platform

QUALITY

To ensure the best outcomes for young children and their families birth to13, we support a sufficiently funded system that ensures high quality programs including: developmentally appropriate curriculum; environments conducive to learning and development; knowledgeable, well-trained, educated and well-compensated staff; robust parental engagement and comprehensive services- all of which are culturally and linguistically appropriate and that respect and support diversity.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

To ensure all children are cared for and educated in safe and healthy environments, we must have a sufficiently funded and staffed Community Care Licensing system and supports to monitor, provide technical assistance, and resources to current and future licensed programs and providers.

WORKFORCE

To ensure that a qualified workforce cares for and educates our diverse population of young children, we promote public and private efforts and systems that recruit, retain, and support a diverse, well-trained, well-educated, well-compensated child care/ECE workforce that is recognized as professional. This workforce must have access to high quality, coordinated educational and professional development systems that address cultural, linguistic, and literacy needs on a continuum from entry-level through degree attainment.

AVAILABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

To ensure all families and their children benefit from high quality child care/ECE services, including children who face challenges such as learning a second language, socio-economics, disability and social health care needs, we support investments and strategies that increase the availability, accessibility and affordability of high quality services and preserve our diverse delivery system, inclusive of direct funding to all types of legal entities in both the public and private sectors.

FACILITIES

To ensure that all children are cared for and educated in high quality, inclusive environments within a diverse delivery system, we support strategies at the state and local levels that equitably improve and expand the public and private capital resources and technical expertise available to develop, finance, and maintain needed new and existing high quality child care/ECE facilities.

SYSTEMS FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION

To ensure and support a comprehensive, high quality child care/ECE system, we promote streamlined and efficient administration, including well-financed and coordinated regulatory, contracting and reimbursement processes. This child care/ECE system will require coordination between and integration within state agencies that physical or mental health, prevention/ early intervention, K-12 and higher education, community and economic development, family support, food/nutrition, social services and recreation services.