

2018 Policy Agenda



The Network supports quality child care options for all families that are accessible, affordable, and equitable. We urge our policy makers to:

- Pass a budget that prioritizes quality, accessible child care for all children, especially infants and toddlers
- Protect and strengthen the child care delivery system so that every parent trying to provide for their family has the ability to do so, and every child care provider is adequately compensated for the care they deliver
- Prioritize policies that help ensure all parents have the resources they need to care for their families

Every parent can find and afford to have their child in care that meets their needs

- Increase availability of infant and toddler care
- Develop a modern platform, statewide child care provider database that is efficient for parents, R&R staff and state policymakers
- Increase wages to meet the Self Sufficiency standard for California, so that parents and caregivers can afford the care they need for their children and the necessities required to support their families
- Ensure families who enter the CalWORKS program are receiving the child care assistance for which they are entitled

People who care for children, no matter the setting, can access training and professional development and are paid enough to provide for their own families

- Fund training and professional development of home based child care providers, both licensed and Family, Friend and Neighbor (CCIP, Kaleidoscope, GLC) and support their participation in the quality improvement system.
- Increase reimbursements to keep pace with State minimum wage increases
- Provide a supportive mechanism for health and safety monitoring of license exempt providers to ensure quality options for parents exist
- Annually inspect all licensed child care facilities

California's Resource and Referral Infrastructure

- Modernize TrustLine to ensure the continued health and safety of all children
- Fund R&R agencies to offer Health and Safety pre-service training requirements of providers caring for federally subsidized children to ensure an ample supply of eligible providers available to families
- Ensure all families have access to developmental screenings and adequate resources for children with special needs
- Utilize tax benefits to support parents, providers and R&R agencies
- Allocate unspent R&R contract dollars to support California's resource and referral infrastructure