



The first five years of a child's life lays the groundwork for their lifelong learning, behavior, and overall health and well-being. Despite this, disparities persist across California with many children facing significant gaps in income, access, and opportunity. There is an urgent and persistent need for investment in young children and their families, and for more equitable systems that help children thrive.

For more than 40 years, California has built a robust child care infrastructure. Connecting California Families was formed in 2019 to unite over 65 child care agencies statewide. The mission of Connecting California Families is to deliver coordinated, comprehensive services to children, families, and providers because when parents have access to quality child care, early childhood education, and other essential resources, children and entire communities prosper. The data presented here, reflecting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, comes from one of the 11 lead regional agencies for Connecting California Families.

Child Care Business Support



\$60,272,051
Invested in **1,412** child care businesses



113
Licensed Child Care Provider businesses available for referral



1,390
Families still waiting on Subsidized Child Care



Learn more about the programs and how they help our families and children



Child and Family Support



4,674 children from **3,029** families received child care financial assistance and related services¹



4 foster children from **3** families received child care financial assistance and related services²



13 families had **27** children enrolled in state funded programs to support kindergarten preparation³



481 children aged 0-3 from **230** families were enrolled in state funded child care programs⁴



64 children from **57** families received home visiting services⁵



118 families received housing services⁶



112 families received developmental screening services⁷



44 children and **29** adults received mental health services⁸

¹Subsidized Child Care – CalWORKs Stage 1, 2, 3, Alternative Payment, Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN)

²Emergency Child Care Bridge (Bridge)

³California State Preschool Program (CSPP)

⁴General Child Care and Development (CCTR)

⁵Home Visiting Services

⁶Housing Services

⁷Developmental Screening Services

⁸Mental Health Services