



THE COLLECTIVE EXPRESS

A Non-Profit Organization

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Caring for Kids Since '72

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Mission Statement

To improve life outcomes for children, youth and their families in South Los Angeles by providing high quality, comprehensive, educational and support services.

The Children's Collective, Inc. continuously enrolls for infant, toddler, full-day and part-day preschool programs.
Call 310-352-4486.

Locations

The Children's Collective, Inc. has 14 locations in the following communities:

- Greater Crenshaw
- Exposition/Los Angeles
- Manchester/Vermont
- Hawthorne



We serve approximately 5,000 children, youth, and families each year.

CACFP CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



February is Black History Month, a time to learn about, reflect on, and celebrate the contributions of the Black community in America and their central role in this country's history. On February 15th, The Children's Collective Food Program hosted a Black History Month Lunch in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT PUTS FAMILY FIRST

The Children's Collective, Inc. has developed a comprehensive plan to help parents become more engaged in their children's learning environment. Building family relationships is an important part of creating trust and providing quality care for children. The Child Development department provides many opportunities for families to be engaged in and aware of their child's development including parent orientation, parent conferences, Parent Advisory Committee, and volunteering. Recently, each site hosted a Back-to-School Night to showcase the program and the progress children are making. The staff did an amazing job of making this event special for all the parents. They presented information about themselves, the program, and filled the room with samples of the activities the children work on. The parents truly enjoyed learning more about their child's day-to-day activities in the program.



FAMILYSOURCE CENTER IS UP TO LOTS OF GOOD



The FamilySource Center has been "up to a lot of good" since our last newsletter! It has provided more than 600 individuals with non-perishable food items, produce, diapers, hygiene kits and clothing during events such as the Thanksgiving Food Distribution, Holiday Food and Toy Giveaway, and Martin Luther King Distribution. In addition to providing goods and food to the community, TCCI provides Free Tax Preparation services. This free service offered by subcontractor Castillo Tax Services, supports the goal of increasing household income. Not only do we save clients \$200 in tax service fees we are putting hundreds back into their pockets when they are able to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit. Finally, the College Corner has facilitated College Readiness Workshops for 15 youth. These workshops will help youth claim money for college, explore career paths and gain life skills that will support future self-sufficiency. When the workshops are completed, each youth will receive a laptop to support their academic journey and will participate in a fun Energy in Motion Workshop hosted by Knott's Berry Farm.

CFHL HOSTS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TRAINING

This winter the CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) Program trained a new batch of CATCH teachers. CATCH is the physical activity/nutrition education curriculum that is implemented by trained teachers at the TCCI Child Development sites. Last year, teachers taught a total of 562 CATCH classes to our young active scholars. With the hard work of our current CATCH certified teachers and the help of our newly trained staff, the program is targeted to surpass this number while promoting fun, physical activity, and healthy eating.



BLACK INFANT HEALTH JOINS BLACK JOY PARADE



On February 25th, the Black Infant Health staff participated in the Black Joy Parade in Oakland, California. The Black Joy Parade was founded seven years ago to celebrate the Black experience and the Oakland community's contribution to history and culture, with its signature parade, partnerships, and events. Black Infant Health was the core sponsor of the Black Joy Parade. Dressed in golden-yellow sweatshirts, the staff passed out flags to participants, sang and danced seven blocks in Uptown



Oakland. It was a beautiful experience to be a part of the Black Joy Parade and witness the African American community unify to celebrate our blackness, our creativity, our presence, and our freedom. Black Infant Health Service Area 8 will be hosting our Spring Resource and Recruitment Fair on March 22nd at Curtis Tucker Wellness Center. The purpose of this fair is to recruit participants for Service Area 8 and provide the community with information about Black Infant Health and supportive services such as tax preparation, car seat safety training, life insurance, lactation support and many others. Registration will be closing soon. Please contact our Community Outreach Liaison, Dominique Grandberri for more information at (323) 419-0325.

NOW HIRING

The Children's Collective, Inc.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Please contact HR Department for details

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

\$22.00 - \$23.00/hour

CASE MANAGER

\$22.00/hour

CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEACHER

\$22.00 - \$23.00/hour

CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEACHER ASSISTANT

\$19.50/hour

GROUP FACILITATOR

Please contact HR Department for details.

SECRETARY

\$19.50/hour

To Apply:

Email cover letter and resume to ywalters@childrenscollective.org or fax cover letter and resume to (310) 733-5124 Attn: Human Resources.

Thank you for your interest in employment at The Children's Collective Inc.

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Food Program

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