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WHO WE ARE

TCCI is dedicated to alleviating poverty and transforming lives in South Los Angeles by empowering children, youth, and their families to overcome systemic challenges and build pathways to sustainable success through high-quality, comprehensive, educational and family support services.



WHAT WE'RE DOING

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WHERE WE ARE



Locations

The Children's Collective, Inc. has 10 locations in the South Los Angeles area, offering various programs and services. To learn more, check out our website:

CHILDRENSCOLLECTIVE.ORG

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TCCI continuously enrolls for infant, toddler, and preschool programs. Call 424-286-4409.



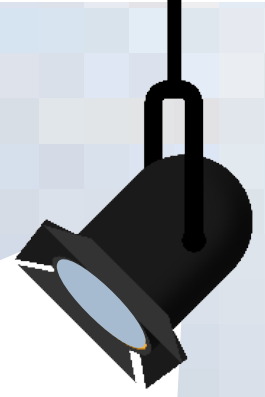
CEO CORNER

“Back to School, Forward with Purpose”

August marks a special kind of new year for us—not just for students heading back to school, but for all of us at TCCI as we begin a new fiscal year and renew our commitment to the families and communities we serve.

Back-to-school season is always a time filled with anticipation, hope, and fresh starts. For children, it's the excitement of new backpacks, new classrooms, and new friendships. For us as an agency, it's a powerful reminder that every new season is an opportunity to grow, to learn, and to make a greater impact.

This year, I am especially grateful. Grateful for a team that shows up with heart and purpose. Grateful for the trust that families place in us to care for their children, uplift their households, and walk with them through seasons of change. And grateful that in this new fiscal year, we are not starting from scratch—we are building on the strong foundation we've laid together.

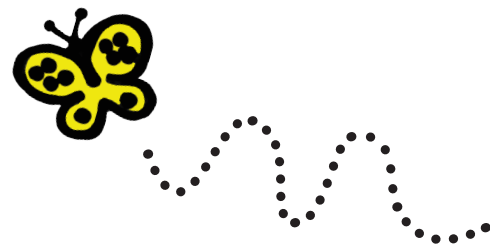


Whether you're preparing classrooms, processing enrollments, managing grants, distributing food, or simply encouraging someone who needed a smile, your work matters. Every act of excellence, compassion, and service pushes our mission forward.

As we move into this new chapter, let's carry with us the energy of the classroom: curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. Let's continue to learn, adapt, and lead—knowing that the work we do today is shaping the future of South Los Angeles for generations to come.

Thank you for all that you do. I'm proud to lead alongside you.

In gratitude and purpose,



Charles Lee-Johnson

Chief Executive Officer
The Children's Collective, Inc.

CLIENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT: NICOLE LITTLETON

How are you involved with TCCI?

Nicole's grandchild attends Hope Childcare Center. She volunteers in passing out flyers at nearby businesses and verbally informs friends about the great childcare that TCCI provides.

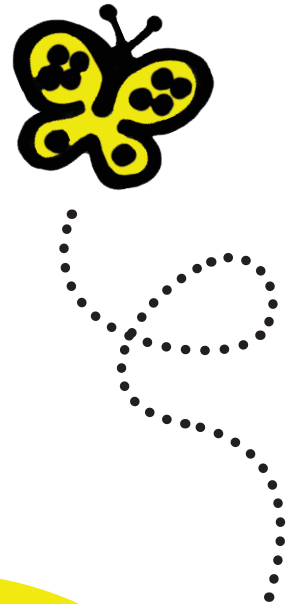


How long have you been a TCCI client?

Nicole's grandchild has been attending Hope Childcare Center since April 2025.

In what ways has TCCI changed your life?

Nicole says that her granddaughter has become very social, happier and her learning skills have improved as well. She says she truly believes that she chose the right daycare.



What do you like most about your childcare center?

Nicole says that the daycare is clean and the kids receive breakfast, lunch and snacks, and even assist with potty training if needed. She says the teachers truly take interest in the kids. Every time she picks up her granddaughter, she is smiling and happy.



SUN, FUN AND PICNIC ADVENTURES

We're thrilled to share the joyful highlights from our Annual Preschool Picnic at Kenneth Hahn State Park. It was a day filled with sunshine, smiles, and unforgettable memories!

Our adventure began with excited chatter as the children boarded the bus, ready for a day of fun. For many of our little ones, this was their first field trip – and their enthusiasm was contagious!

Once we arrived, the children enjoyed:

- Nature walks to explore flowers, trees, and butterflies
- Group activities like BeatBuds, Soccer Shots, Noddle Hockey, Science Show and much more
- Lunch under the shade with lots of smiles and giggles

This year we had an amazing turnout with many families in attendance. Their presence and engagement mean so much to us and, most importantly, to their children. Family involvement plays a vital role in building a strong foundation for the future success of the children. Every year we look forward to this event to bring everyone together and to bring the children outside of their normal environment.

Field trips are incredibly important for preschool-aged children because they support learning and development in ways that go beyond the classroom. Preschoolers learn best through direct experience. Field trips give them a chance to see, touch, hear, and explore new things.

We are already looking forward to next year's picnic!



FSC YOUTH ENJOY A SUMMER OF GROWTH

The FamilySource Center (FSC) kicked off July with a focus on our youth—ensuring they have a fun, safe, and productive summer! We're thrilled to share that 40 young people have enrolled in our Summer Learning Program. Over the course of four weeks, these students are participating in engaging academic and enrichment activities designed to support learning retention and inspire continued education.



So far, students have explored engineering concepts through a bridge-building activity and learned about aerodynamics with an exciting egg drop challenge. They're also diving into college and career exploration, civic engagement, life and social skills, and mental wellness.



Thanks to our dedicated staff and incredible community partners, we've been able to deliver meaningful programming around self-care, setting boundaries, giving back, and practicing kindness and empathy.

And of course, summer wouldn't be complete without a little adventure! Our students have taken part in enriching, educational field trips—from experiencing art and history at the Catalina Island Museum, to enjoying a wellness hike with their families, learning through live entertainment at Medieval Times, and even touring the University of Southern California (USC).

We're incredibly grateful that these youth chose to spend their summer with us. We hope this experience left them inspired, empowered, and excited for what lies ahead!



CALFRESH PROVIDES SUMMER CLASSES

For the month of July, CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) focused on parent nutrition classes, where staff provide recipes and tips that encourage families to develop healthy eating habits. For the current programmatic year, the program has hosted parent classes at TCCI's King-San Pedro and Florence sites. For the next round of classes, the goal is to reach more parents from additional TCCI preschool sites.



The CFHL team has also continued to conduct produce distributions. Throughout July, Vermont, Rita Walters, and King-San Pedro childcare sites received fresh produce. Families received a wide variety of fresh foods, including dragon fruit, tomatoes, and asparagus. Healthy recipe cards are included with every bag of produce distributed.



NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES AT BIH

As we welcome a new fiscal year, Black Infant Health (BIH) is proud to announce the expansion of our support services to better meet the needs of our community. In response to feedback and the growing demand for flexible scheduling, we are excited to now offer Weekend Sista Circle Support Groups — in addition to our ongoing Daytime Groups.



These support groups are designed to create a safe and empowering space for expectant and new mothers to connect, share, and grow. Whenever you join us, all participants will receive:

- Nutritious meals
- Free child care
- Complimentary rideshare transportation
- A strong circle of support — at no cost



We are currently enrolling pregnant and parenting women who are seeking support during and after pregnancy.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must reside in the South Los Angeles area
- If pregnant, must be 30 weeks or less
- If postnatal, baby must be 6 months old or younger

To learn more or enroll, please contact us at (323) 238-3206, visit our website at www.blackinfanthealth.org, or follow us on Instagram at [@tcci_blackinfanthealth](https://www.instagram.com/tcci_blackinfanthealth).

We look forward to supporting our moms and moms-to-be in every stage of their journey. Here's to a year of growth, connection, and community!



FEATURED EMPLOYEE: BARBARA OWENS

Site: Casa Child Care Center

What do you do in your role?

Ms. Barbara is a full-day preschool teacher at Casa Child Care Center. She is a true team player and always steps in when the classroom is short-staffed. She has helped in every classroom, showing her flexibility and commitment to the entire center.

What do you like about working at TCCI?

Working for TCCI has given Ms. Barbara the opportunity to do something she truly loves, and it has been a life-changing experience for her. Through her time in this field, she has gained valuable knowledge and grown both personally and professionally. Her passion for early childhood education continues to inspire those around her.

Tell us something about you.

Ms. Barbara recently obtained her Site Supervisor Permit, which allows her to take on leadership responsibilities in the site supervisor's absence. Her strong work ethic, reliability, and love for teaching are evident in everything she does. She consistently goes above and beyond, and her passion for early childhood education truly shines through.



FEATURED PHOTOS: 2025 ANNUAL PRESCHOOL PICNIC





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CAN YOU GUESS HOW MANY BUTTERFLIES ARE IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

Find the answer in next month's newsletter!

The July newsletter had 27 butterflies! Did you get it right? (hint: don't miss the t-shirts)

NOW **HIRING**

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To browse any of our open positions, please go to childrenscollective.org/careers or scan the QR code to the right.

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



The Children's Collective, Inc. was founded in 1972 by Dr. Jackie Kimbrough, who served as the Executive Director for 52 years.

