



# The COLLECTIVE CHRONICLES

The Children's Collective, Inc.

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A Poverty Alleviation Non-Profit

WHO WE ARE

WHAT WE'RE DOING

WHERE 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.

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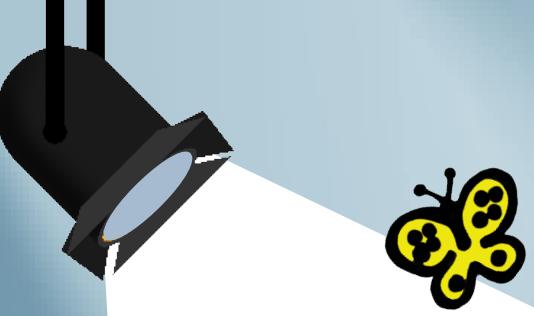
The Children's Collective, Inc. has 10 locations in the South Los Angeles area, offering various programs and services. To learn more, check out our website:

**[CHILDRENSCOLLECTIVE.ORG](http://CHILDRENSCOLLECTIVE.ORG)**

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



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



# CEO CORNER

## Honoring Legacy. Building Leaders. Shaping the Future.

Black History Month invites us to pause, reflect, and remember—but it also calls us to act.

Across generations, many of the leaders we celebrate today were not formed in isolation. They were nurtured in community centers, supported by faith institutions, encouraged by mentors, and strengthened by organizations committed to lifting families and expanding opportunity. Before they stood on national platforms, they were children in classrooms. Before they led movements, they were students guided by someone who believed in them.

Organizations like The Children's Collective, Inc. have always been part of that quiet but powerful foundation.



Black History Month is not only a remembrance of prominent names we recognize—it is a recognition of the ecosystems that made those leaders possible. It is the story of mothers who refused to give up, educators who stayed late, advocates who fought for equity, and community organizations that invested in children long before the world saw their greatness.

At TCCI, we understand that leadership does not begin in adulthood. It begins in early childhood classrooms. It begins when a child learns to read confidently, when a parent receives support to stabilize their family, when a young person is given exposure to possibility beyond their current circumstance. The seeds of justice, resilience, and innovation are planted early—and nurtured intentionally.

Black History Month is not a celebration reserved for one community. It is a story of resilience in the face of injustice, courage in the face of adversity, and hope in the face of exclusion. Those values transcend race. They speak to the very best of humanity. When we honor Black history, we are honoring perseverance. We are honoring the pursuit of equity. We are honoring the belief that every child—regardless of zip code—deserves access to opportunity.



That is why  
our work matters.

The same spirit that carried past generations through segregation, economic disparity, and systemic barriers is the spirit we must cultivate in today's children. Not merely survival—but excellence. Not merely access—but achievement. Not merely hope—but preparation.

At The Children's Collective Inc., we are not just providing services. We are preparing future educators, entrepreneurs, civic leaders, healthcare professionals, advocates, and change-makers. We are investing in families so that children can thrive. We are strengthening communities so that leadership can emerge organically from within.

Black History Month reminds us that greatness often begins quietly—in classrooms, in family resource centers, in spaces where someone dares to believe in a child's potential.

And that is what we do every day.

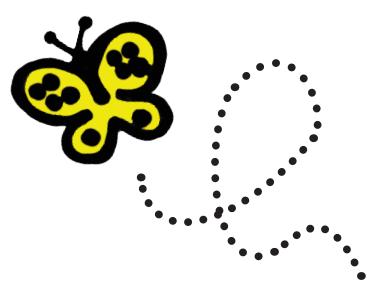
As we honor the leaders of yesterday, let us commit ourselves to developing the leaders of tomorrow. Let us continue building environments where resilience is nurtured, justice is pursued, diversity is celebrated, and opportunity is expanded for all.

Because when we invest in children, we are not just shaping individual futures—we are shaping history.

With gratitude and vision,

*Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson*

Chief Executive Officer  
The Children's Collective, Inc.



# CLIENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT: JAILEE

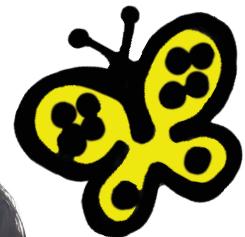
## How are you involved with TCCI?

Jailee's child is enrolled at TCCI's Hope Child Care Center. She regularly volunteers within the classroom to assist teaching staff wherever help is needed.



## How long have you been a TCCI client?

My son has been enrolled in TCCI's child care program for over three months.



## In what ways has TCCI changed your life?

Jailee says that her first experience volunteering in the classroom was amazing. She says "we sang, danced, exercised, read out loud, and played outside."

Jailee also says that TCCI's services have changed her son's life. He couldn't talk very much until he started attending Hope Child Care Center. His verbal abilities have drastically improved since enrolling.

## Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experience at TCCI?

What makes TCCI so spectacular is the love, patience, and care that teaching staff have--not just for my child, but for all children.



# OPEN HOUSE WELCOMES PARENTS

January is a time for fresh starts, new routines, and cozy learning moments. As children return from holiday excitement, this month is perfect for re-establishing structure, encouraging independence, and supporting emotional growth.

Additionally, a fresh start in January could also be the perfect time for new families to enroll into our centers. We are continuously accepting applications at all our centers. Our centers are dedicated to providing safe, nurturing, and engaging environments where children can grow, learn, and thrive.

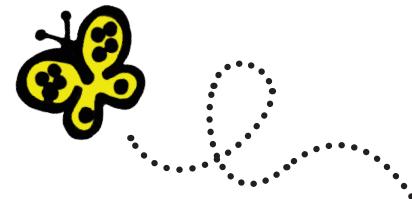
Our centers focus on the whole child by supporting:

- Social and Emotional Development - building confidence, independence, and positive relationships
- Early Learning Foundations - age-appropriate activities that encourage curiosity, language, and problem-solving
- Safe & Supportive Care - caring, qualified educators in a welcoming environment
- Family Partnerships - open communication and collaboration with families
- Our classrooms are designed to meet the developmental needs of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children through play-based learning and consistent routines.

To learn more or to join our waitlist, please scan the QR code below. We would love the opportunity to welcome new families into our learning community.

Thank you for helping us spread the word. We look forward to growing our Child Development family!

Scan for  
more info!



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para más!



# FSC KICKS OFF FREE TAX PREP LA 2026



TCCI's FamilySource Center has hit the ground running to start 2026! We have lots of exciting programming scheduled for the new year.

In January, the FSC held a food distribution in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. day.

It was another successful and fun event that numerous community members attended. We distributed bags of fruit, turkeys, chicken, and shelf stable goods provided, once again, by our wonderful partners at Hurting and Hungry.

We carried the new year momentum into our Super Saturday event at the end of January, which kicked off our Free Tax Prep Los Angeles (FTPLA) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). VITA season is upon us and we are excited to share this free resource to qualifying community members. The FSC is proud to join the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) in celebrating



**TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, CLIENTS CAN CALL OUR FSC OFFICE AT 323-789-4717.**

the 10-year anniversary of FTPLA and VITA programs. FTPLA is made possible through the support of the Los Angeles Department of Consumer & Business Affairs and community based non-profit partners, including Koreatown Youth and Community Center and United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

# CFHL SHARES WELLNESS POLICY

As the new year begins, CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) is focused on sharing our Organizational Wellness Policy with parents to align with their new year's resolutions. Our goal is to extend our impact beyond the classroom and reinforce healthy eating habits at home. In addition, we shared recipe cards with families to provide healthy, colorful, and delicious meal alternatives.

Produce distribution highlights include:

- In December, we completed four produce distributions
- Distributions took place at the following sites: Rita Walters, Vermont, Willowbrook, and King/San Pedro
- Families received a variety of fresh produce, including bananas, peppers, dragon fruit, and blackberries

CalFresh will continue conducting produce distributions into the New Year. As we prepare to close out our current term, as our scope of work is

changing, we anticipate in February to receive our new focus. We are actively preparing for the next term, which will continue to prioritize providing fresh fruits and vegetables to all of our families.



# BIH MOVES TO NEW SITE

The Black Infant Health (BIH) team has been focused on settling into our new space at 1182 W. 24th Street in Los Angeles. While the recent move has been an exciting change, it has also required patience and flexibility from the team. We are grateful to be navigating this transition by supporting one another and working together to create a space that is welcoming, comfortable, and supportive for mothers and their babies.

We were excited to launch four new Prenatal (PN) and Postpartum (PP) Group series in January. To better accommodate

participants, we have also added two additional days during the week, providing mothers with more options to attend group sessions.

The new group series will take place on the following dates and times:

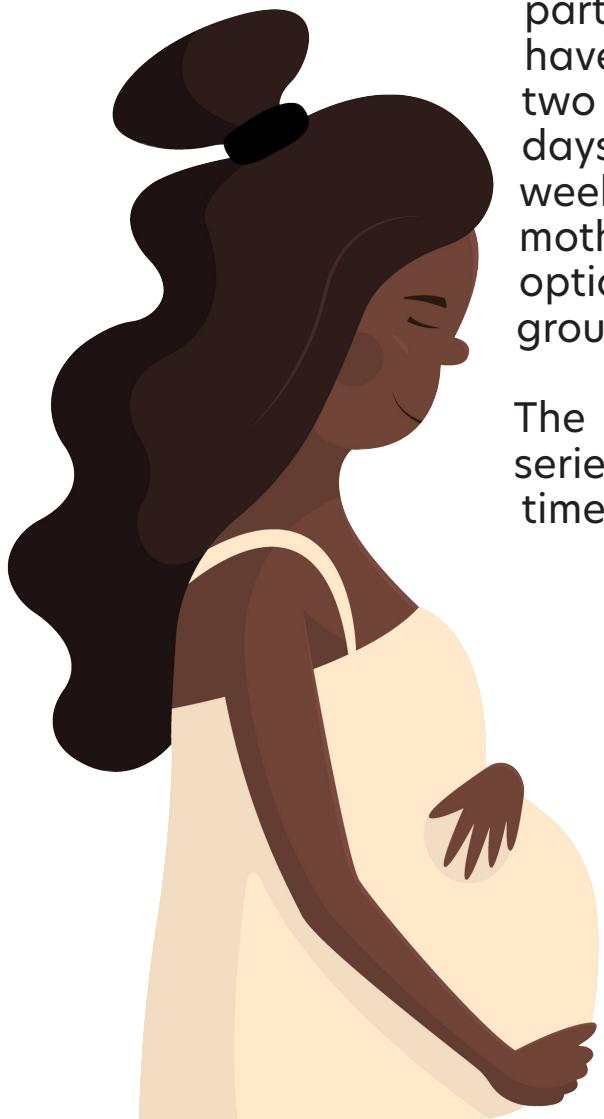
- PN Group 4: Tuesday, 01/20/26 - 03/24/26 (11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
- PN Group 5: Wednesday, 01/21/26 - 03/25/26 (11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
- PP Group 4: Thursday, 01/22/26 - 03/26/26 (11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
- PP Group 5: Friday, 01/23/26 - 03/27/26 (11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

## PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT TCCI'S BIH PROGRAM!

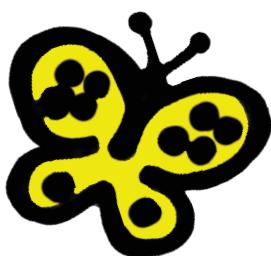
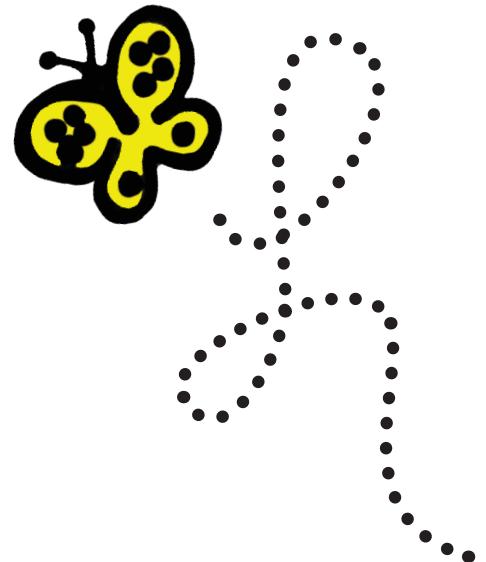
To qualify, a pregnant birthing mother must be:

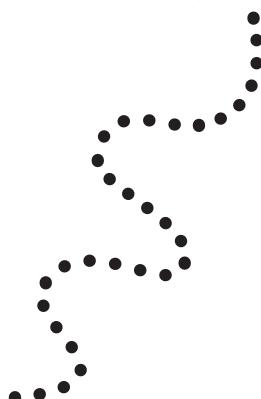
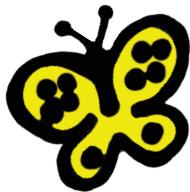
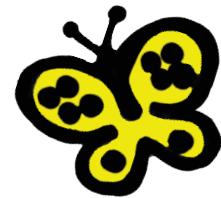
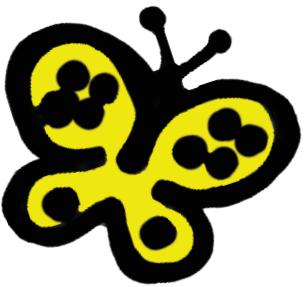
- African American
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in South Los Angeles
- Be 30 weeks pregnant or less, **or** have a baby six months of age or younger

To complete an online interest form for the TCCI BIH program, please visit [www.blackinfanhealth.org](http://www.blackinfanhealth.org) and submit an interest form.



# FEATURED PHOTOS: CASA CHILD CARE JANUARY ACTIVITIES





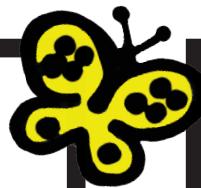


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**Thank you for your interest in employment at The Children's Collective!**

