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WHO WE ARE

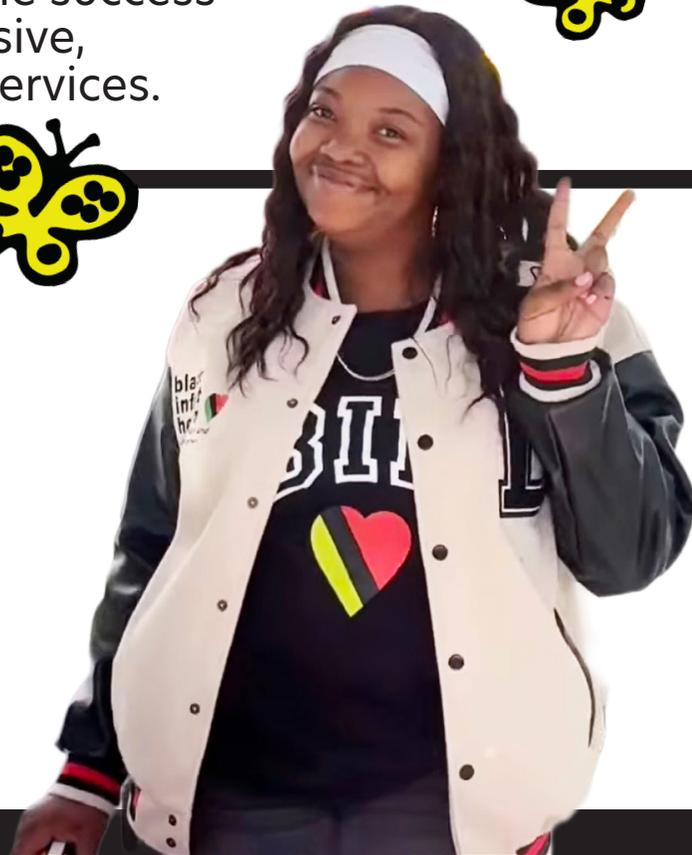
TCCI is dedicated to alleviating poverty and transforming lives in South Los Angeles by empowering children, youth, and their families to overcome systemic challenges and build pathways to sustainable success through high-quality, comprehensive, educational and family support services.



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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

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

Women's History Month

Honoring the Women Who Lead and Transform

March is Women's History Month – a time to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of women who have shaped our communities and changed the world through vision, courage, and perseverance.

At The Children's Collective Inc., women are not just part of our story – they are the foundation of it.



Honoring Our Founder: Dr. Jackie Kimbrough

This month, we proudly recognize our founder, Dr. Jackie Kimbrough, a true pioneer and trailblazer. More than five decades ago, Dr. Kimbrough had the bold vision that children and families in South Los Angeles deserved excellence, access, and opportunity – and she built an organization to make that vision real.

Her leadership laid the groundwork for the thriving, impactful organization TCCI is today. Because of her courage and commitment, generations of children have received quality education, families have gained vital resources, and young people have found pathways to college and career success.

Her legacy is not only institutional – it is transformational.

Celebrating the Women of TCCI

Today, the women of TCCI continue that legacy every single day.

From our early childhood educators to our Family Source



Center staff, Black Infant Health team, CACFP team, to administrative leaders, women across this organization serve with professionalism, compassion, and excellence. They advocate for families, guide students toward higher education, manage programs with precision, and provide care during critical moments.

Their work strengthens families.
Their leadership builds stability.
Their commitment changes lives.



When women thrive, communities rise – and we see that truth lived out daily at TCCI.

A Word of Gratitude

As CEO, I am deeply grateful for the women who carry this mission forward. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and your impact reaches far beyond our walls.

To Dr. Jackie Kimbrough – thank you for the vision.

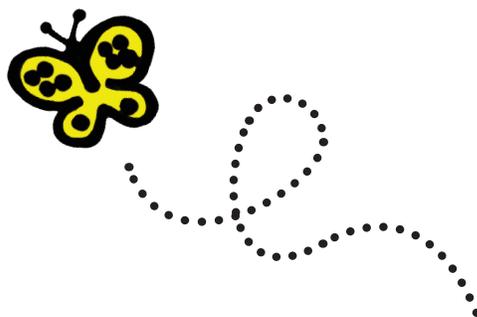
To every woman of TCCI – thank you for your leadership, your excellence, and your unwavering service to our community.

Happy Women's History Month.

With appreciation,

Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson

Chief Executive Officer
The Children's Collective, Inc.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: FAITH

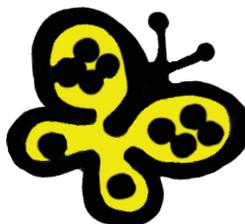
What is her role at TCCI?

Faith serves as a Teacher Assistant in the Toddler Classroom at Casa Dominguez Child Care Center.



How long has she been an employee?

Faith has been with TCCI for three years.



In what ways has TCCI changed her life?

Working for TCCI has given Faith the opportunity to support children and their families in meaningful ways. From a young age, she always saw herself working with children and making a positive difference in their lives. She is grateful to be part of the Casa team and values the stability and growth this opportunity has provided her.

What else makes her so spectacular?

Faith first joined the Casa site as a substitute Teacher Assistant. From the very beginning, she worked exceptionally well with the toddlers and quickly became a strong team player. Her dedication, positive attitude, and natural connection with the children made it clear that she would be a wonderful addition to Casa Child Care Center. We are proud to say that she has now been part of our team for three years. During this time, she has continued to demonstrate commitment, professionalism, and genuine care for our children and families. We are grateful to have her as part of our Casa family.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT GETS COOKIN'

Cooking with children is about so much more than making food – it's about building brains, confidence, independence, and connection. This month, we're highlighting how hands-on kitchen experiences support your child's development in fun and meaningful ways.

Our wonderful Child Development Health Educators have made a tremendous impact in our classrooms through engaging, hands-on cooking experiences that bring learning to life. By guiding children through age-appropriate food preparation activities, they are helping the children build essential developmental skills while fostering curiosity and confidence in the kitchen.

Through these experiences, children are strengthening fine motor skills as they stir, pour, measure, and mix. They are developing early math and science concepts by counting scoops, exploring measurements, and observing how ingredients change when combined. Cooking activities also support language development as children learn new vocabulary related to foods, textures, tools, and processes.

These cooking experiences nurture important social-emotional skills. Children practice patience, turn-taking, cooperation, and problem-solving while working together to create something meaningful. The sense of pride they feel when tasting or sharing a dish they helped prepare builds confidence and encourages independence.

Our Health Educators also play a vital role in promoting healthy habits. By introducing nutritious ingredients and modeling safe food handling practices, they help children develop positive relationships with food and a greater awareness of healthy choices.

We are incredibly grateful for the creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication our Child Development Health Educators bring into our classrooms. Their commitment is not only enriching daily learning experiences but also helping lay the foundation for lifelong healthy habits and a love of learning.



FSC FOCUSES ON TAXES AND COLLEGE PREP

Throughout February, tax preparations have been at the forefront of our minds at the FamilySource Center. We are more than a third of the way through Free Tax Prep Los Angeles (FTPLA) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) season.



We have submitted tax returns for over 100 clients. These returns have resulted in over \$100,000 dollars worth of tax refunds claimed by our community members. The



balancing act of managing the day-to-day operations of the FSC with the needs of the FTPLA campaign has been a challenge that our staff has been working hard to achieve.

With March comes spring and at TCCI we are embodying the season of growth by placing a spotlight on the youth in our community. In line with the vision of TCCI, we are “transforming lives and changing people” by providing youth with the tools they need to navigate the complex road to college. Our College Corner team is leading a four-week series of workshops that focus on financial aid and loan information, the college application process, study skills, and employment preparation. The college readiness workshops are a great way for our youth to kick off the spring season as they develop new ideas and continue to grow into their future selves.



CFHL PREPARES FOR SPRING

Gardening

With the heavy rains ending this month, several sites began harvesting their fruits and vegetables. The photo featured is from our Florence/Firestone site, where children harvested carrots they helped grow. Teachers distributed the carrots among the children so they could share what they grew with their parents and families.

Produce Distribution Highlights

- In December, we completed four produce distributions.
- Distributions took place at the following sites: Hope, McAlister, Casa Dominguez, and Florence.
- Families received a variety of fresh produce, including potatoes, squash, and mangoes.

Coming Up Next

CalFresh Healthy Living will continue conducting produce distributions as we prepare to close out our current term. We will focus on sharing our End-of-Year Fact Sheets with sites and TCCI families. The Fact Sheet will highlight the work completed during the previous term. Printed flyers will be distributed to all sites as well. We look forward to implementing our new scope of work and continuing to serve the families at TCCI while building healthy habits for children across our sites.



BIH ANNUAL BLACK JOY PARADE

February was a busy and impactful month for TCCI's Black Infant Health (BIH) Program. Our four ongoing group series continued to provide Black birthing mothers with a supportive space to learn, share, and grow as they navigate their pregnancy and parenting journeys. Topics discussed during group sessions included "Accessing Social and Community Support," "Our Bodies Are Changing," and "Reflecting on Labor & Delivery."

Our current Group Facilitator, Patricia, continues to do an exceptional job leading sessions Tuesday through Friday. She ensures that every BIH mother feels seen, heard, and supported when attending group. We also extend a sincere thank you to the entire BIH team for assisting with group-related support as we work through the process of hiring a second Group Facilitator. Their teamwork and dedication have been invaluable.

We are pleased to share that BIH is on track to meet – and exceed – our scope of work goals. While our target is to serve 200 mothers, we had already reached 80% of that goal as of January 31st. We are confident this momentum will continue as we work toward serving 220 mothers by June 30, 2026.

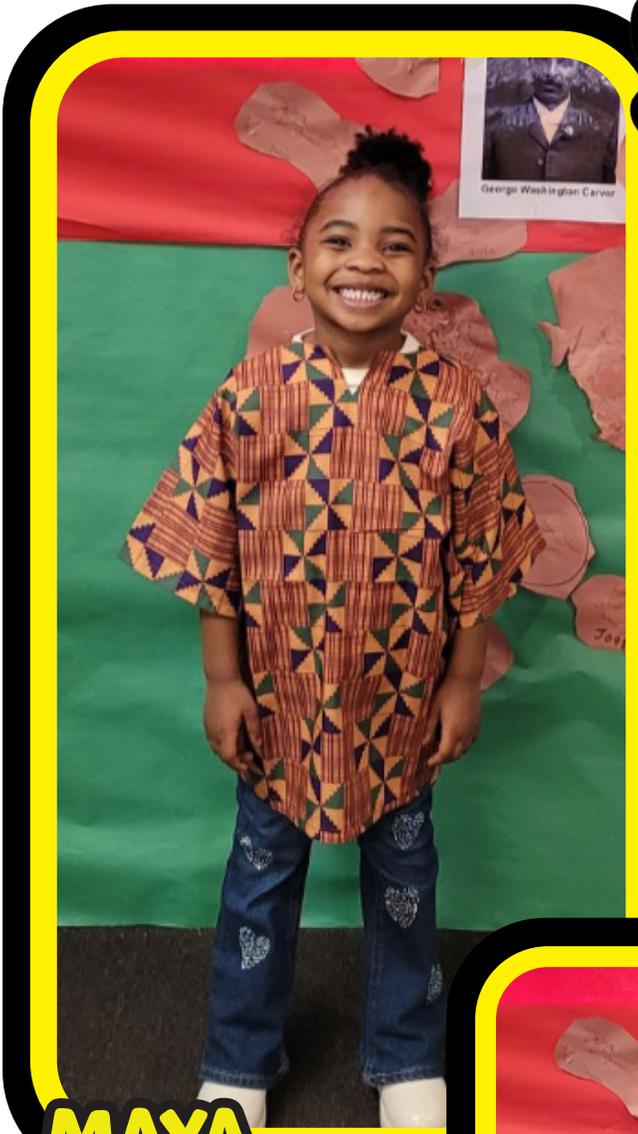
During the weekend of February 20-23, BIH staff attended the annual Black Joy Parade in Oakland. This large, free community event celebrates Black culture and joy. California's statewide BIH program is a leading sponsor of the parade and hosted a dedicated area called "Little Joy." Families participated in games, connected with BIH programs from across the state, accessed valuable resources, and won prizes. The event was a vibrant celebration of both Black joy and Black History Month.



FEATURED PHOTOS: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



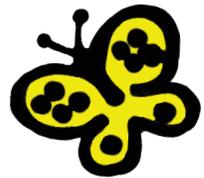
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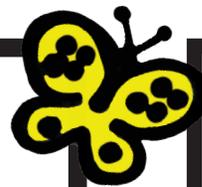
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