

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

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.



CORNER CEO

A Season of Renewal, Hope, and Impact

April is a season that naturally invites reflection, renewal, and hope. Across communities and cultures, this time of year represents new beginnings—the turning of seasons, longer days, and the reminder that growth is always possible, even after difficult seasons.

For many, this month also includes the observance of Easter—a time widely recognized as a symbol of renewal, restoration, and the power of new life. While celebrated in different ways, the underlying themes of hope, transformation, and fresh starts resonate with all of us.

And here at The Children’s Collective, those themes are not just seasonal—they are lived out every single day.

Living Out Renewal Through Service

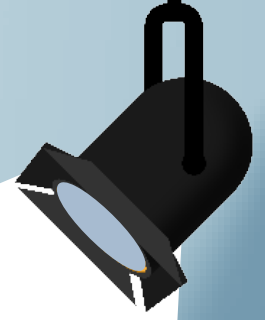
Every day, our staff shows up with purpose and compassion to serve the most vulnerable families across Los Angeles. Whether

through early childhood education, family support services, maternal health programs, or community resource navigation, the work being done is nothing short of transformational.

Our teams are:

- Creating safe and nurturing environments for children to learn and grow
- Supporting families in times of crisis, helping them find stability and hope
- Empowering parents and caregivers with the tools and resources they need to thrive
- Strengthening communities by addressing real needs with dignity and care

This is not easy work. It requires patience, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to others. And yet, day after day, our staff rises to the occasion.



Recognizing the Heart Behind the Work

This month, we want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate you—the dedicated professionals who make this mission possible.

You are the reason:

- A child feels safe and supported
- A parent finds hope in a difficult moment
- A family moves from crisis toward stability
- A community grows stronger

Your work reflects the very essence of this season—bringing light where there may be darkness, and possibility where there once was uncertainty.

Moving Forward Together

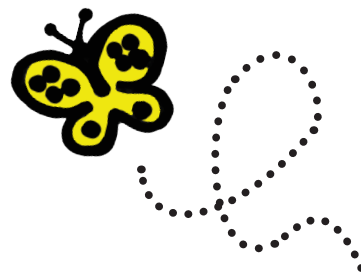
As we continue into this season of renewal, let us be reminded that the work we do matters deeply. Every interaction, every service, every moment of care contributes to something greater—a stronger, healthier, and more hopeful Los Angeles.

Thank you for your continued dedication, your compassion, and your commitment to excellence.

Together, we are not just serving communities—we are helping to renew them.

Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson

Chief Executive Officer
The Children's Collective, Inc.



CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: BRENDA

How are you involved with TCCI?

Brenda has been a valued client of TCCI since 2022 and currently has two children enrolled in TCCI's Casa Child Development Center. She is always willing to volunteer and support her children's teachers in any way she can. Brenda consistently attends parent meetings and center events and is a strong advocate for TCCI's Child Development program. We are especially grateful for the many families she has referred to our Casa Child Care center. Her involvement and support truly help make our community stronger.

How long have you been a TCCI client?

Since February 2022

In what ways has TCCI changed your life?

Brenda says, "Since my kids started coming to TCCI's Casa Child Care Center, I have been able to get a job, start school and take care of my elderly mother. I love how my kids are treated and all the growth I've seen in my children."

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

She consistently goes above and beyond, whether it's lending a hand, offering encouragement, or supporting center initiatives. Thank you Brenda!



CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOLDS ART SHOW

We are so excited to share the joy and creativity that filled our centers during our recent art shows!



This year's theme was Spring and Gardening, and our classrooms were transformed into bright, nature-inspired galleries. Children explored the beauty of the season through vibrant flower paintings, garden-themed collages, and creative projects inspired by plants, growth, and new beginnings. Each piece reflected their imagination, individuality, and growing skills.

Events like these are an important part of our program. Art encourages self-expression, builds confidence, and supports fine motor development. Most importantly, it allows children to explore their ideas and have fun while learning.



What made this event truly special was the family presence and participation. Family engagement plays a vital role in a child's development, and seeing so many families attend, ask questions, and celebrate the children's work made a meaningful impact. When children see their families involved in their learning environment, it builds confidence, strengthens relationships, and reinforces the value of their efforts.

Throughout the event, we noticed so many wonderful moments—families discussing artwork together, children proudly explaining their creations, and connections forming between parents, teachers, and peers. These interactions help create a strong, supportive community that benefits every child.



FSC PREPS YOUTH FOR COLLEGE

With April comes the beginning of spring, the season of change and growth. The FamilySource Center (FSC) College Corner Team has leaned into the seasons theme, spending the month leading a cohort of students through this year's Spring College Readiness Workshops. We have had a steady group of about 16 scholars who have been attending the weekly workshops.

The College Corner team has led workshops aiming to cultivate a strong understanding of the financial aid and loan process, college applications, study skills, and how to prepare for future employment. This year's workshops have been exceptionally helpful to our future scholars. The first workshop ended with our College Advisors guiding students through the signup process for CalKids. Students were awarded anywhere from \$500-\$1,384. These funds are 100% free and allocated towards their future tuition.

The workshops culminated with a field trip on March 28th, featuring a group hike through the hills of Griffith Park to visit the Griffith Observatory. The trip concluded with a picnic on the Observatory lawn overlooking the city. The staff at FSC look forward to continue helping our scholars grow into their future selves!



CFHL ENCOURAGES FRUITS AND VEGGIES

As the weather begins to warm, we start to see an increase of colorful fruits such as strawberries. This month, strawberries have been consistently distributed, and we hope families are enjoying a fresh carton to help stay refreshed during the warmer days.

On the vegetable side, Mexican squash has been consistently included in distributions. This ingredient is a great addition to meals, as it is low in calories and supports healthy digestion. Here's a quick and healthy strawberry smoothie recipe to try!

- ½ cup orange juice
- 1 banana
- 1 cup of fresh or frozen strawberries
- 1 cup low fat vanilla yogurt
- 5 ice cubes
- 153 calories
- 3 servings

CalFresh Healthy Living will continue produce distributions as we prepare to close out our current term. Beginning April 1, 2026, we will be implementing a few updates to our distribution approach, with a stronger focus on connecting individuals and families to additional supportive resources.



BIH CELEBRATES ENTREPRENEUR

During the month of March, TCCI's Black Infant Health (BIH) program focused on enrolling new participants, facilitating weekly group sessions, and preparing for group graduations which scheduled during the week of March 23-27th. Lessons covered during group sessions included "Supporting Health & Safety "Budgeting for Baby", "Coparenting, Routines & Redirection" and "Reflecting on Our Time Together."

A total of 21 mothers successfully completed group during March. We are excited for their accomplishments and will continue to provide mothers with support and social connection opportunities.

BIH Participant/Mommy Highlight:

Participant S.B. enrolled in the BIH program after being referred by her mother, a former participant who spoke highly of the support she received throughout her prenatal and postpartum journey. Inspired by her mother's experience, S.B. joined the program and has remained actively engaged in 1:1 support.



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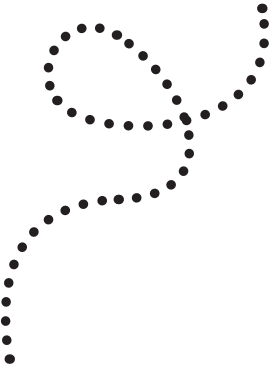
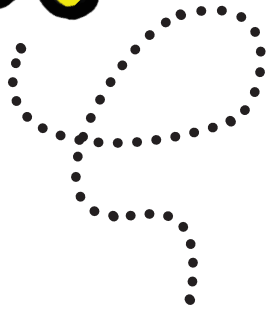
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At the time of enrollment, she worked remotely as an administrative assistant. Following the birth of her baby, S.B. experienced challenges transitioning back to work, as expectations to return to an in-office setting conflicted with her readiness to be away from her newborn. During this period, she also navigated postpartum changes, including hair loss for both her and her baby.

Motivated to find a solution, she explored natural hair care products but was unable to find one that met her needs. Drawing from prior experience creating hair oil during her college years, she began developing her own natural hair growth product. She is now in the marketing phase of her business and continues to express gratitude for the ongoing support and guidance provided by her BIH Family Health Advocate.

FEATURED PHOTOS: CHILD DEVELOPMENT ART SHOW







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