

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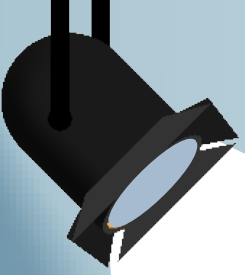
The Children's Collective, Inc. has 10 locations in the South Los Angeles area, offering various programs and services. To learn more, check out our website:

**CHILDRENSCOLLECTIVE.ORG**

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



# CFO CORNER

## Building Strength for Today and Sustainability for Tomorrow

As we welcome September and settle into a new program year, I find myself reflecting on the importance of preparation. Just as children, families, and educators begin a new season of learning with goals and expectations, organizations must also position themselves for success through thoughtful planning, sound financial management, and a commitment to long-term sustainability.

At The Children's Collective, our mission drives every financial decision we make. Behind every classroom, family service, health initiative, and community program is a foundation of responsible stewardship. While financial management may take place behind the scenes, its impact reaches every child, family, and community member we serve.

One of the most important responsibilities of a nonprofit organization is to ensure that resources are available when they are needed most. Many of our contracts operate on a reimbursement basis, which means the organization often incurs expenses well before funding is received. For this reason, maintaining adequate cash reserves is not only a best practice, but also a critical requirement that allows us to continue providing uninterrupted services to the families who depend on us.

Strong financial health provides more than stability. It creates opportunities. It enables us to invest in our workforce, maintain high-quality programs, respond to unexpected challenges, and pursue innovative solutions that strengthen our impact. Every dollar entrusted to TCCI



represents an opportunity to support children and families, and we remain committed to ensuring those resources are managed with integrity, accountability, and transparency.

As we move through the fiscal year, we will continue to focus on disciplined budgeting, careful monitoring of expenditures, and strategic planning that supports both our current operations and our future growth. Financial stewardship is not solely the responsibility of the Finance Department; it is a shared responsibility across the organization. Every employee contributes to our success through thoughtful use of resources and a commitment to operational excellence.

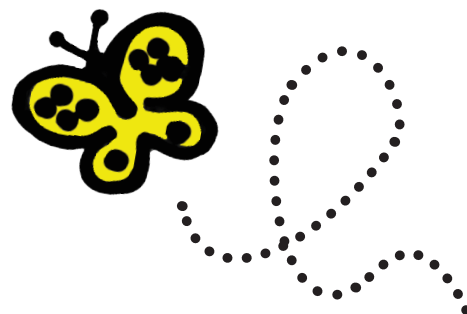
I would like to thank Team TCCI for your partnership and dedication. Your work every day helps transform lives, and your commitment to our mission ensures that we remain strong, resilient, and prepared for the future.

Together, we will continue building an organization that not only meets today's needs but is positioned to serve generations of children and families for years to come.

With appreciation,

*Sharon Ann Smith*, CPA

Chief Financial Officer  
The Children's Collective, Inc.



# CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: JASMINE

## How are you involved with TCCI?

My son Daryll is enrolled at TCCI's Willowbrook Child Care Center. He attends preschool, where he receives a safe, nurturing, and educational environment that supports his growth and development.



## How long have you been a TCCI client?

My son has been receiving services for about four years.



## In what ways has TCCI changed your life?

TCCI has helped my son grow socially, emotionally, and academically. He has become more confident, enjoys learning, has improved his communication skills, and has built positive relationships with his teachers and classmates. The program has also provided our family with valuable support and resources.

## Is there anything else you'd like to share?

My son is a loving, energetic, and curious four year-old who always brings a smile to those around him. He enjoys playing, learning new things, and making friends. He has a kind heart, loves helping others, continues to make progress every day. We are proud of how much he has grown and appreciate all the support received.



# SUMMER PROGRAM WRAPS UP

As our summer child development program comes to an end, we are pleased to share highlights from a season centered on child development, meaningful learning experiences, family engagement, and strong community partnerships.

Throughout the summer, our preschool program provided children with a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment designed to support their social-emotional, cognitive, language, and physical development. Through purposeful play, exploration, and consistent daily routines, children had opportunities to build skills that contribute to their development.

Throughout the summer, children had opportunities to:

- Explore nature through outdoor play and discovery
- Express their creativity through art, music, and imaginative play
- Practice sharing, taking turns, and working together
- Build language and communication skills
- Strengthen problem-solving skills
- Develop independence through daily routines and self-help skills
- Build friendships, confidence, and a sense of belonging

Every activity—whether painting a picture, building with blocks, reading a story, or playing outside—provided meaningful opportunities for learning and development.

School readiness extends beyond academic skills. Children also benefit from learning how to communicate their needs, manage emotions, participate in routines, build relationships, make choices, and approach new experiences with confidence.

Our educators intentionally incorporated these skills into everyday classroom experiences, helping children strengthen the foundations they will carry into the upcoming school year.

The success of our program is strengthened by the people who support it. We extend our appreciation to our families, educators, program staff, leadership, and community partners for their continued collaboration and investment in young children.

Family participation and community partnerships help us create responsive learning environments and connect children and families with meaningful opportunities and resources.

We look forward to building on the progress made this summer and continuing to ensure that children and families have the support they need to learn, grow, and thrive.



# FSC GETS BACK TO SCHOOL

August marks the end of summer vacation and the beginning of the school year for most of our youth. The Children's Collective, Inc. FamilySource Center (FSC) held their annual back-to-school distribution event at the beginning of the month. The distribution featured a school supply, backpack, and food giveaway. We also had partner organizations in attendance sharing resources with our families. It was a great turnout and a fun event. Our youth left energized and encouraged to start the new school year. We were happy to see a mix of our Summer Learning Program youth scholars and some new faces. The FSC still has youth school supplies available. If interested be sure to call our site and schedule an appointment to pick up or enroll in our program.

Some exciting things are on the horizon. TCCI's FSC College Corner and Ed Boost are partnering to provide tutoring services for our scholars this year. We hope to start in late September or early October. In the meantime, the tutoring flyers and interest forms are currently being sent out. Our College Corner team is putting the finishing touches on planning for our fall workshops and will roll out info soon. TCCI's FSC is looking forward to a productive and exciting school year. Stay tuned for more!

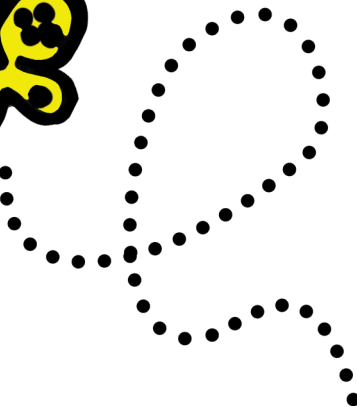


# SIGN UP FOR CALFRESH WITH FAIR

As we continue to operate as the new FAIR program, we have had the opportunity to conduct distributions at different TCCI sites, including Hope, McAlister, FSC, Casa Dominguez, and Florence. For August, we were able to distribute 2,000 pounds of produce to more than 205 families.

We have officially begun assisting community residents to apply for Calfresh. Folks can visit our distributions to complete the application process. If a participant needs more time, the FAIR staff can set up an appointment for another day and complete it over the phone, online, or even in person!

If you are interested in applying for Calfresh. Please scan and fill out the QR code below!



## Upcoming Distribution

On Saturday Sept 12th will be having our monthly produce distribution event. There will be other organizations that will table to provide resources that range from mental health, medical enrollment, and housing resources. During these distributions we don't collect anything. Anyone and everyone can go home with a bag of produce for the Family Source Center Distributions.

Follow our social media account for updates and future produce dates!



# HONORING BLACK BREASTFEEDING WEEK

Black Breastfeeding Week took place during the week of August 24th. In honor of this special week, TCCI BIH hosted a private screening of the film *Chocolate Milk* on Tuesday, August 25.

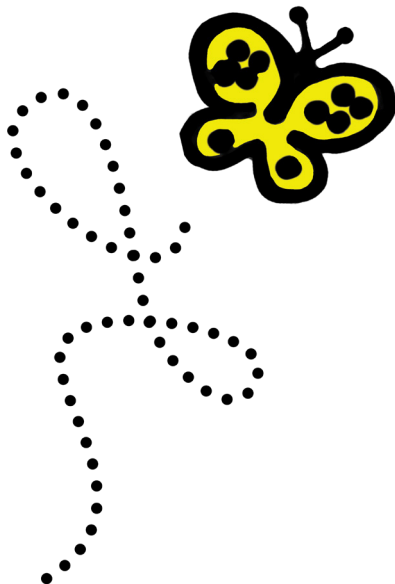
Directed by Elizabeth Gray-Bayne, the film highlights important conversations surrounding breastfeeding in the Black community and explores how families and providers are addressing and supporting breastfeeding among Black families.

Following the screening, BIH participants had the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion featuring doulas and experts in the field. The conversation provided a meaningful space for participants to learn, ask questions, and engage in discussions about breastfeeding support within the Black community.

August was filled with meaningful opportunities for connection, education, empowerment, and community building. We are grateful to our BIH mothers, staff, partners, and community members who continue to make these experiences possible.



# FEATURED PHOTOS: SUMMER PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES







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