The Collective Chronicles

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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

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

Thankfulness in Action

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, I am reminded that gratitude is more than something we feel—it is something we show. It lives in the words we speak, the kindness we extend, and the ways we recognize those who make a difference in our lives.

Having completed my second year as CEO of The Children's Collective Inc., I have so much to be thankful for. It is an honor to serve alongside people who bring compassion, dedication, and purpose to their work every day. To our staff, thank you for the care you provide to children and families. To our Board, partners, volunteers, and supporters, thank you for believing in our mission. And to the families we serve, thank you for trusting us to be part of your lives.

Over these two years, I have seen how much is possible when people work together with a shared commitment to strengthening our community. Behind every accomplishment are people whose efforts deserve to be seen and appreciated.

This season, I encourage each of us to turn thankfulness into action. Here are five simple ways:

- **Be specific.** Tell someone exactly what you appreciate about them. "Thank you for taking extra time to help that family" carries more meaning than a passing "thanks."
- **Put it in writing.** A thoughtful email or handwritten note can become encouragement someone returns to long after receiving it.
- **Give your attention.** Listen, ask how someone is doing, and make time for their answer. Being present communicates that they matter.

- **Offer a helping hand.** Support a coworker, encourage a parent, or assist a neighbor. Gratitude grows when we share the care we have received.

- **Recognize everyday contributions.** Celebrate the quiet, consistent acts of service that keep our workplaces, homes, and communities strong.

We also have a special reason to give thanks as we prepare to celebrate our Van Ness Child Care Site (5720 Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043) ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 19, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This milestone reflects the commitment and teamwork that help us expand opportunities for children and families.

We invite everyone to join us for this celebration. Please RSVP by emailing hshaw@childrenscollective.org. I look forward to celebrating with you and thanking the many people helping bring this vision to life.

As I look toward my third year of leadership, I do so with gratitude for what we have accomplished together and hope for what lies ahead. Thank you for welcoming me, working alongside me, and continuing to make TCCI a place where children and families can thrive.

Let's make thankfulness more than a seasonal tradition. Let's make it part of how we care for one another every day.

Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson

Chief Executive Officer
The Children's Collective, Inc.

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: ASHLEY

How are you involved with TCCI?

Both of Ashley's daughters are enrolled at TCCI's King-San Pedro Child Care Center. Ashley's family also receives produce from TCCI's FAIR Program (Food Access Investing in Resilience).

How long have you been receiving services at TCCI?

Ashley's family has been receiving produce from FAIR for about two years.

In what ways has TCCI changed your life?

The produce Ashley receives from FAIR has added extra ingredients to her family's dinner plate and helps them consume more fresh produce.

What else makes them so spectacular?

Ashley is a proactive participant in various programs and is always eager to help support her kids whenever she can.



CASA OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

TCCI's Casa Dominguez Child Care Center staff warmly welcomed families and community members to their open house event on Saturday, October 10th. Participants visited the center to learn more about our childcare program, explore our classrooms, and learn about the services we provide to children and families.

Staff members were welcoming, professional, and prepared to answer questions, provide program information, and assist families interested in enrolling their children. We were especially grateful for the support of Ms. Erika from the Enrollmen Team, who helped us connect interested families with the resources and information needed to take the next steps toward enrollment.

In addition to welcoming families at the center, staff actively participated in community outreach to increase awareness of our program and reach more families who may need childcare services.

Our outreach efforts included:

- Outreach table in front of our center to engage with families and community members passing by, distribute flyers, share information about our childcare program, and encourage them to spread the word about our enrollment opportunities with their family members, friends, and neighbors.
- Engaging with community and distributing flyers at local parks and shops, residential gates, and nearby community centers.
- Working together as a team to support recruitment, enrollment, and community engagement efforts.



The Open House helped us achieve the following:

- 1 family successfully enrolled
- 3 families are pending enrollment, with appointments scheduled with the Enrollment Team.

Overall, the event was a meaningful opportunity to showcase our center, highlight the services we provide, strengthen our community presence, and support our ongoing recruitment and enrollment goals.

FSC KICKS OFF FALL WITH FESTIVAL

The Children's Collective FamilySource Center (FSC) had a lot going on in the month of October! Our College Corner was fortunate enough to take part in a series of trainings to be trained to implement the TACA "Teens Advocating for Civic Action" program.

This Spring we will have our first TACA cohort, where teens will learn about civic engagement and organization. The program also empowers students to leverage their learning to lead change in their local communities. Students will gain real world experience with advocacy by designing and implementing their own civic action project.

We also held our annual Fall Festival and food distribution in October. This festival featured a produce and food distribution, resource fair, games, prizes, a costume contest, DJ performance, and other festivities for families. We had a great turnout, and the community brought a festive vibe to the event. This was a great kickoff to the start of the holiday season.



Our annual turkey and Thanksgiving distribution is set for Monday Novembr 23rd. If you have not signed up, please give us a call at 323-789-4717 to inquire about it.

FAIR JOINS FALL FEST DISTRIBUTION

For the month of October, the FAIR program was able to reach multiple sites, serving 208 families and distributing 1,841 pounds of produce. We will partner with the FSC to distribute produce and conduct a distribution event at our Florence Child Care Center.

On Saturday October 24, we joined TCCI's FSC program in their Fall Festival by providing produce to the local communities in the area. We shared resources to additional local pantries, resource navigation support, and activities to educate the community on proper food storage techniques.

As always we are seeking folks who are interested in applying for Calfresh. If you are interested in applying, please scan the QR code below!



BIH STARTS NEW SISTER CIRCLES

We are excited to announce that our new prenatal and postpartum group series, "Sister Circles," officially launched during the week of October 5, 2026! These groups provide a welcoming and supportive space for mothers to connect, build meaningful relationships, share experiences, and strengthen their knowledge and confidence throughout pregnancy and early motherhood.

Our BIH groups continue to meet Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Prenatal groups meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, while postpartum groups meet on Thursdays and Fridays.

Who Qualifies for the BIH Program?

The Black Infant Health (BIH) Program is available to individuals who meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Reside in South Los Angeles.
- Are 18 years of age or older.
- Are 30 weeks pregnant or less to enroll in prenatal services.
- Have a baby who is 6 months old or younger to enroll in postpartum services.

If you know someone who may qualify for BIH, please help us spread the word and connect them to our program!

Learn more or refer a mother by visiting www.blackinfanthealth.org.



FEATURED PHOTOS: CASA CHILD CARE CENTER OPEN HOUSE




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- CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEACHER
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT INFANT/TODDLER TEACHER
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEACHER ASSISTANT
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT INFANT/TODDLER TEACHER ASSISTANT

To Apply:

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!