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.



COO CORNER

Looking Forward to Gratitude

As we enter the final quarter of the year and begin looking ahead to the season of gratitude and giving, I am reminded of the importance of acknowledging and showing appreciation for those around us. We often think about gratitude in terms of the things we have, the opportunities we've been given, and the people who have made a difference in our lives. While taking time to recognize these things is important, I also believe there is value in reflecting on how we express that gratitude and appreciation to others.

Sometimes, we assume that the people around us know they matter or that their efforts are recognized, but that isn't always the case. A simple acknowledgment, a few words of encouragement, or taking the time to listen can make someone feel valued in ways we may not fully realize. This is especially important when we consider that some individuals in our communities may already feel overlooked or unheard. How we treat people, even in the smallest interactions, can make a meaningful difference.

For those of us working directly with children and families, putting this into practice means remembering to lead with kindness, exercise patience, and treat every individual with dignity and respect. What may be another routine interaction in our workday could be an important moment for someone seeking support. Taking a few extra minutes to listen, offering reassurance, or simply treating someone with understanding can make a lasting impression. These are small things, but they reflect the care and commitment that should be at the heart of our work.

For those of us in leadership and administration, it's an opportunity to remember the why behind what we do and how our everyday decisions and interactions affect others. It's important that we

remain connected to the people behind the work. Taking time to listen, recognizing the efforts of others, offering support, and considering how our decisions affect staff and the families we serve are all ways we can demonstrate our commitment to those who serve and those we serve. Just as we ask our teams to lead with compassion, it's important that we reflect those same values in how we support them.

We all have a role in creating communities where people feel respected, supported, and connected. Sometimes, that means checking in on a neighbor, offering encouragement to someone facing a challenge, showing patience when someone is having a difficult day, or simply acknowledging someone who might otherwise go unnoticed. We don't always know what others are going through, and a little understanding can go a long way.

At TCCI, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and for the staff, families, and partners who make this work possible. As we approach the months ahead, I hope we can all take a little more time to recognize and appreciate the people around us, acknowledge the contributions of others, and be mindful of the impact our actions can have. Sometimes, the smallest things we do make the biggest difference, and that's something worth remembering.

Fernando Reyes

Chief Operations Officer
The Children's Collective, Inc.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: TENISHA

How are you involved with TCCI?

Tenisha Mosley is a Teacher Assistant at Child Development Casa Dominguez Child Care Center. She has been a valued member of The Children's Collective, Inc. for 17 years, dedicating the past 15 years to working with and caring for children at Casa Dominguez. Throughout her time with TCCI, Tenisha has demonstrated a strong commitment to creating a safe, nurturing, and positive environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive.

In what ways has TCCI changed your life?

Being a part of TCCI has given Tenisha the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of children and their families. She finds great joy in watching children learn new things, reach developmental milestones, gain confidence, and grow throughout their time at the center. Her work allows her to be a positive influence in the lives of young children and to contribute to their early learning experiences.



Tenisha's time with TCCI has also provided her with opportunities to grow professionally, build lasting relationships, and be part of a team that shares her passion for supporting children and families. Her work is more than a job to her, it is an opportunity to make a difference every day.

What else makes them so spectacular?

Tenisha is a hardworking, dependable, and caring member of the Casa Dominguez team. She consistently goes above and beyond to support the children, families, and her fellow staff members. When her lead teacher is absent, Tenisha willingly steps up and takes on additional responsibilities to help ensure that the classroom continues to run smoothly and that the children continue to receive the care and attention they deserve.

She genuinely cares about the children takes pride in seeing them learn, develop, and succeed. She also values the families serves and is always willing to support coworkers. Her positive attitude, willingness years of experience, and dedication make her others can depend on.

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our preschoolers recently enjoyed an exciting adventure to the zoo! It was a wonderful day filled with exploration, laughter, curiosity, and unforgettable memories. The children had the opportunity to step outside of their classrooms and experience the amazing world of animals up close.

Throughout the visit, our little explorers were excited to observe a variety of animals, learn about their habitats, and discover interesting facts about wildlife. Their faces lit up with excitement as they watched the animals and shared their observations with teachers and friends. The trip sparked meaningful conversations, encouraged curiosity, and provided countless opportunities for hands-on learning.

Field trips like this are an important part of our Child Development Program because they allow children to connect classroom lessons to real-world experiences. In addition to learning about animals and nature, the children practiced important social skills, including following directions, staying together as a group, taking turns, and sharing experiences with their peers.

Most importantly, the trip provided an opportunity for our preschoolers to create lasting memories while developing a greater appreciation for animals and the world around them.

A special thank you to our dedicated teachers, staff, and wonderful parents who joined us on this adventure! We are especially grateful to the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend and share this special experience with their children. Your participation, enthusiasm, and support helped make the day even more memorable. Family involvement plays such an important role in children's learning and development, and we truly value every opportunity to bring our families together.

We look forward to continuing to provide meaningful experiences that inspire curiosity, encourage exploration, and make learning fun for our little learners!



FSC WORKS WITH 75TH ST ELEMENTARY

The Children's Collective FamilySource Center hosted a series of workshops at 75th Street Elementary School through the month of September. These were Financial Literacy workshops that introduced different money related topics. The workshops covered strategies around budgeting, credit building, credit repair and overall financial wellbeing. The series will conclude on October 2nd With a Nutrition and shopping on a budget workshop.

We hosted a similar style workshop on September 29th in partnership with All 4 Kids. It encouraged participants to think more intentionally about both saving money and nutrition. The FSC Financial Coach used the workshop as an opportunity to introduce participants to financial coaching, share information about available financial resources through our program, and reinforce how everyday savings strategies can support broader financial goals. The workshop was also intended to increase awareness and excitement about FSC services.



FAIR DISTRIBUTES AT NEW SITE

As we continue to operate as the new FAIR program. We have had the opportunity to conduct distributions at the following sites: Rita Walters, Vermont, FSC, Willowbrook, and at our new child care site Van Ness! This month we were able to serve 297 families and distribution 2,942lbs of produce.

On Saturday Sept 19th we hosted a produce distribution at our new site. The site hasn't officially opened its doors to the public; therefore we took this opportunity to preview the site and share the additional resources that TCCI has to offer. We also collaborated with Eurest Cares and TCCI's child care enrollment team to help conduct the produce distribution and invite parents to the site. Thanks to everyone's contribution we were able to reach 82 families and connect them with further support.

As always we are seeking to find folks who are interested in applying for Calfresh. If you are interested in applying please scan and fill out the QR code above!



BIH HOLDS SHOWER FOR GRADUATES

During September, the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program completed the final three sessions of its prenatal and postpartum group sessions. All four group series successfully concluded, marking an exciting milestone for our participants. We are proud to announce that 27 mothers graduated from the group series last month! To celebrate their accomplishments, we hosted special baby showers for our prenatal and postpartum groups.

In collaboration with our valued partners at The Children's Institute and Kaiser Permanente in Watts, the baby showers were held in a welcoming and spacious venue that allowed our large groups to come together, connect, celebrate their achievements, and share in the joy of their growing families.

As with all our baby showers, mothers received an abundance of thoughtful gifts and essential resources, including diaper bags, onesies, spa kits, journals and pens, diapers, wipes, and many other maternal and infant care products. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to The Children's Institute and our friends at Kaiser Permanente for their partnership and generosity in making these celebrations so memorable for our mothers and families.

September was a month of celebration, connection, and continued commitment to maternal and infant health. We are proud of our graduates, grateful for our community partners, and remain dedicated to empowering Black mothers and supporting healthy outcomes for mothers, babies, and families.



FEATURED PHOTOS: CHILD DEVELOPMENT VISITS THE LA ZOO








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

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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!