

Organizations Supporting Professional Development & Quality Improvements

[California Association for the Education of Young People \(CAEYC\)](#)

An organization designed to serve and act on behalf of the needs and rights of young children with primary focus on the provision of educational services and resources to adults who work with and for children birth through age eight.

[California Child Care Resource & Referral Network \(CCCRN\)](#)

A private, nonprofit organization that exists outside the public sector, but maintains a connection to the state through its member agencies, which combines practical knowledge at the local level with extensive experience in working on state and national child care policy,

[California Children & Families Commission \(CCFC\)](#)

CCFC (a.k.a First 5 California) began in 1998—it distributes funds to local communities for a comprehensive system of education, health services, child care, and other crucial programs for children ages 0-5. .

[California Early Childhood Mentor Program](#)

A mentoring program for child care professionals, providing advanced training for experienced child care workers who wish to become Mentors to new practitioners.

[Child Care Law Center \(CCLC\)](#)

A national nonprofit legal services organization that uses legal tools to make high quality, affordable child care available to every child, family, and community. The Center is devoted exclusively to the complex legal issues that affect child care.

[First 5 San Francisco](#)

First 5 San Francisco is part of the statewide First 5 California movement to assist public agencies, nonprofit organizations and parent groups in nurturing early education, pediatric health care, systems change, and family support.

[Infant Development Association of California \(IDA\)](#)

A multidisciplinary organization of parents and professionals committed to optimal developmental, social, and emotional outcomes for infants (birth to three) and their families with a broad range of special needs.

[Infant-Toddler Consortium of California](#)

A collaboration of individuals and child care agencies dedicated to advancing the quality of infant and toddler care.

[National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)

A national organization concerned with the quality of early education and care for young children. They have information for professionals, parents, and listings of related publications and conferences.

[National Black Child Development Institute](#)

A nonprofit organization (since 1970) that provides and supports programs, workshops, and resources for African American children, their parents, and their communities.

[National Child Care Association \(NCCA\)](#)

An alliance of care and education professionals and owners, focused exclusively on the needs and interests of licensed, private childhood care and education programs. NCCA represents a unified voice in Washington and strives to balance the quality, affordability, and availability of licensed child care and education programs.

[National Network for Child Care \(NNCC\)](#)

Unites the expertise of many of the nation's leading universities through the outreach system of Cooperative Extension with the overall goal being to share knowledge about children and child care from the vast resources of the universities with parents, professionals, practitioners, and the general public.

[San Francisco Early Childhood Professional Development Project](#)

The goal of the Professional Development Project is to increase quality child development services in San Francisco through the promotion of recruitment and retention in the early care and education workforce. Activities include career resources, academic advising, and information on training opportunities.

[San Francisco Family Support Network](#)

A unique partnership of stakeholders in the Family Support field, including families, community-based organizations, public departments, and private foundations.

[Zero to Three](#)

ZERO TO THREE is a national nonprofit organization that informs, trains, and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to promote the health and development of infants and toddlers.

Additional training opportunities:

[San Francisco Professional Development](#)

[Higher Education](#)

[Other Professional Development](#)