THE QUALITY CHILD CARE COLLABORATIVE

Preparing children for success in school and in life through quality care in Early Learning!
QCCC SERVICES — WHY SHOULD I CALL?

Preparing strong, healthy children for school and life can be a complex job! Child care centers, family child care providers, and exempt caregivers may need support at times. The Quality Child Care Collaborative, or QCCC, was formed to create partnerships with caregivers, providing support in a variety of situations. Services are available on a broad range of topics and at different levels of support; everything from reading material to accreditation, from a quick phone call to in-depth coaching and training. Whatever the need, the QCCC supports caregivers and families in providing quality caregiving where children are healthy and flourishing, ready to learn and grow! And all of the services and resources are FREE.

Information and Resources:  
Items Available for Checkout:
- Special Needs and Adaptive equipment
- Toys and Materials
- Children's book bags
- Books and DVDs on a variety of early education, parenting and business topics

Publications and Handouts:
- Quarterly newsletter for providers
- Business and Child Development Handouts
- Publications for parents

Training Available in the Following Topics:
- Child Development
- Positive Discipline and Guidance
- Curriculum Planning
- Health and Safety
- Inclusion
- Business
- Parent Engagement

Quality Building Assistance for Center and Home Based Care:
- Assessment using the Environment Rating Scale
- Program Improvement Plans
- Director and Leadership support

Consultation Services that could include:
- Consultation regarding concerns about behaviors and development of children in care
- Resources and information about specific disabilities, special needs, and child development
- Support in understanding parent perspectives / developing effective communication strategies
- On-site observation of individual children or programs and support to develop strategies and action plans
- Reflective practice guidance for program owners, directors and staff
QCCC Specialists

Quality Child Care Coordinators collaborate with caregivers to enhance the quality of care and promote best practices.

Services include:

- Program assessment using the Environment Rating Scales (ERS)
- On-site assistance developing and implementing quality improvement plans
- Information about professional development and training opportunities
- Director and leadership support

A Health Coordinator works with caregivers to create healthy and safe environments that support children and families.

Services include:

- Health and safety assessment
- Safety and injury prevention information
- Trainings and resources on health and safety topics
- Community resources and information on health and dental care for families
- Program support with nutrition and physical activity for children

Behavioral Health Consultants assist caregivers to provide stable and supportive environments for children by identifying challenging behavior.

Services include:

- Strategies to strengthen social and emotional development in children
- Assistance in minimizing and preventing challenging behaviors in the child care environment
- Assistance in building communication skills between caregivers and parents
- Referrals for assessments, treatment and parent education
- Resources and trainings on behavioral health issues, social/emotional development

Special Needs Consultants support caregivers in providing programs that welcome all children — regardless of ability.

Services include:

- Support and strategies for including all children, regardless of ability, in child care
- Strategies for discussing sensitive issues with parents when developmental concerns arise
- Information about community resources and services for children with special needs and their families
- Assistance partnering with early intervention specialist and school districts providing services for children with special needs
- Support for parents

Infant Toddler Specialists provide training and technical assistance to caregivers to promote healthy infant and toddler development.

Services include:

- Consultation to infant/toddler programs on quality improvement planning and goal setting
- Courses covering social-emotional development and group care
- On-site coaching, observation, training, and support to infant/toddler programs

Early Childhood Special Education Teachers work with providers to nurture children’s development and overall success.

Services include:

- On-site observation regarding development concerns
- Information and support on partnering with school district programs
- Referrals for medical and/or educational assessments
Speech-Language Pathologists work with caregivers to promote infant and toddler development in the area of communication.

Services Include:

- Strategies to strengthen receptive and expressive language skills
- Consultation regarding concerns on language development and milestones
- Referrals for assessments and education for parents
- Resources and training on speech and language development

Occupational Therapists work with caregivers to promote infant and toddler development of fine and gross motor skills.

Services include:

- Observation of child’s gross and fine motor development and sensory development
- Strategies that promote independence in self feeding
- Techniques for exercises and/or activities, positioning and sensory support
- Information and support in adapting the environment

Reflective Practice Facilitators work with caregivers to develop insight about the work they do and engage in a process of continuous learning about their program and profession. Reflective Practice is strength-based, and included in the NAEYC’s Code of Ethics as a Professional Standard of best practice.

Services include:

- Opportunities for directors, administrators, and teaching staff to reflect on their work in the field of early childhood education
- Professional development and in-service workshops to support the integration of early childhood mental health and relationship-building with families
- Reflective practice facilitation through the monthly Director’s Support Group

ABOUT THE COLLABORATIVE

The Sacramento County Quality Child Care Collaborative (QCCC) is committed to raising the quality of early care and education programs in Sacramento County through partnerships with community agencies, early education professionals and families. The Collaborative services are FREE to child care center directors, teachers, aides, family child care home owner, assistants, family, friend and neighbor caregivers, and parents.

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Partner Organizations and Collaborations

CHILD ACTION, INC. CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SACRAMENTO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, INFANT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
WARMLINE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
WestEd PROGRAM FOR INFANT/TODDLER CARE
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
UC DAVIS EXTENSION - CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT


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