



The Child Care Planning Council compiled these resources from a variety of electronic newsletters. We have now compiled them by subject. We hope it is helpful!

Family & Home Based Child Care Reports and Resources

- **Time to Notice: Alameda County Family Child Care Coalition Member Featured in Letter to the Editor:** (published in the April 16, 2005 edition of the Fremont Argus, full text follows): THE PUBLIC has read and heard a great deal about the importance of universal preschool. Communities like San Mateo and Los Angeles are launching broad efforts to offer a preschool education to all 4-year-olds. I am a family child care provider and read an earlier opinion piece by Assemblywoman Wilma Chan in which she imagines a park bench conversation with the governor. If I had been on that park bench with them, I would have discussed the benefits of quality family child care to California's preschool-aged children. There are many of us who provide child care in our homes who also have the requisite credentials to give credibility to our chosen profession. I am one of many who possess a preschool teaching credential from the state of California. This coveted document, signed by the governor, says that I am qualified to teach preschool. The only difference is that I do so in my home instead of a large center. Studies show that most young children do better in a smaller, more nurturing environment. It is time for the public to notice our ability and willingness to provide a quality preschool education. We have the education and the experience it takes. Send us the children. --Lynda Schwabe, Union City. Access the letter on-line at: http://www.insidebayarea.com/searchresults/ci_2665695
- **In Our Own Backyards: Local and State Strategies to Improve the Quality of Family Child Care:** This study examines local and state programs and policies to improve the quality of family child care. Through literature review and interviews with child care experts and program administrators, key needs and strategies for improving quality in family child care settings were identified. The report describes approaches used by four state-wide programs and nine local programs. The study was made possible through the generous support of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. This work is a part of the Institute for Women's Policy Research's larger effort to provide information and technical assistance to those seeking to improve access to quality affordable early care and education. By Katie Hamm, Barbara Gault, Ph.D., and Avis Jones-DeWeever, Ph.D., July 2005. (Available for \$25.00 at: <http://www.iwpr.org/store/Details.cfm?ProdID=125&category=>)
- **In Our Own Backyards: Local and State Strategies to Improve the Quality of Family Child Care:** The report profiles fourteen innovative local and state programs working to improve the quality of family child care. Two NACCRRRA members are among the programs highlighted- the California Child Care Initiative Project and the Child Care Association in Wichita, Kansas. In Our Own Backyards identifies several problems facing family child care providers-isolation, low earnings, and lack of training opportunities- as barriers to quality in family child care settings. The report recommends several policy changes and programmatic strategies to overcome these barriers. Strengthening the capacity of resource and referral agencies is first among the recommendations. Other policy proposals

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include expanding quality improvement funds and extending efforts to regulate unlicensed providers. In *Our Own Backyards* also identifies a number of best practices for FCC initiatives, such as community needs assessment. <http://www.iwpr.org/pdf/G717.pdf>

- **Public/Private Ventures Releases a New Policy Brief on Investing in Child Care:** Investing in family child care providers in Rhode Island reaped big rewards for providers and the kids they serve, according to a new policy brief, *Investing in Child Care Brings Gains for Providers and Children*, from Public/Private Ventures. The brief, based on the report, *Investing in Low-Wage Workers*, found that increases in reimbursement rates boosted the availability of subsidized child care, raised average incomes in the field and lifted many workers out of poverty. The report focuses on the Day Care Justice Co-op, a group of largely Latina and African American women in Rhode Island who organized a cooperative and worked to improve conditions for family child care providers.
http://www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/207_publication.pdf.
- **The Essential Role of Home-Based Child Care in Connecticut's Early Care and Education System:** This document examines options available to those parents who need child care but choose not to use child care centers, and the supports available to home-based providers outside of the child care center system and funding streams. (June 2007) Executive Summary: <http://www.ctkidslink.org/publications/ece07homebasedcarees.pdf> Full Report: <http://www.ctkidslink.org/publications/ece07homebasedcare.pdf>
- **December 2006 California Community Care Licensing Division's Child Care Update:** This update includes new legislation and information on implementation by Licensing. These 12 page updates are invaluable for family day care, centers and advocates. <http://ccl.dss.cahwnet.gov/res/pdf/CCUpdate1206.pdf>. Also helpful is the following link to the Community Care Licensing Child Care web page. http://ccl.dss.cahwnet.gov/ChildCareL_1728.htm.
- **Family Child Care in the United States:** Research Connections' latest publication, *Family Child Care in the United States* by Taryn W. Morrissey, is now available. This is the most recent of our *Reviews of Research* series. Download this publication for a synthesis of current research on family child care providers, as well as parental use and quality of this type of care. It is accompanied by an analytic table of methods and findings, and a research brief (forthcoming). <http://www.researchconnections.org/SendPdf?resourceId=11683>.