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Your support can help build brighter tomorrows for children and families, whether through a one-time gift or by including CHS in your will or trust. For information on how you can make a difference through donations or estate planning, please call (213) 240-5925 or visit www.chs-ca.org.



Visit www.chs-ca.org to find the office nearest you, learn more about our programs, access a variety of resources for families and child care providers, and find out how you can make a difference by donating to CHS today.



Building Brighter Tomorrows



CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA



Our Mission

The mission of CHS is to reach out to children and families at risk with a range of services that ensure every child the opportunity to develop within a safe, healthy, and secure environment.

Helping Families Create New Beginnings



Our Values

We are pleased to share our core values that define what CHS is and what we cherish. Our actions and behaviors are rooted in these values, extending into our relationships with one another and the communities we serve.



Dependability

Quality

Integrity

Empowerment

Effectiveness

Respect

Responsibility

Building Brighter Tomorrows for Children Today

Our Best Practices

CHS understands the importance of keeping abreast of current trends in child care and development and early learning research. We recognize the importance of applying that research to our programs and agency operations. At CHS, we pay attention to what is happening in the field and use the information to inform and strengthen the programs and services we offer to children and families.

The CHS Best Practices and Outcomes Department identifies research-based best practices, standards, and trends; assesses program outcomes; and recommends how we can strengthen our efforts to better serve children and families.



Our History

In 1891, Dr. and Mrs. J.R. Townsend founded Children's Home Society of California (CHS) to address the plight of California's homeless and abandoned children. Since that time, CHS has worked diligently to strengthen children and families by adapting to their changing needs in order to build brighter tomorrows.



Post Adoption Program

For more than a century, CHS adoption services brought thousands of children and families together. We now assist CHS adult adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents of minors seeking post adoption information and services.



Our Programs



Early Learning and Education Programs

CHS is committed to being a leader in Early Learning and Education through our comprehensive programs. To learn more, call (888) CHS-4-KIDS or visit our website at www.chs-ca.org for additional resources.

For Families

- The Family Education Program offers free brochures, podcasts, interactive materials, newsletters, and workshops on various parenting topics. Materials are available in English, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.
- The Resource & Referral Program (R&R) provides a variety of free services including referrals to child care providers throughout our service areas, information on choosing child care and other parenting topics, community resources, and a resource lending library that includes developmentally appropriate toys and materials.
- CHS has two primary Child Care Payment Programs that provide subsidized child care services to eligible families: Alternative Payment and CalWORKS.
- The Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN) is a partnership between the parent, child care provider, and CHS. Services are provided in licensed family child care homes, where parents and providers receive ongoing training, guidance, and technical support from CHS to ensure high-quality child development services. The program pays for all or part of child care expenses.

Oakland Family Resource Center (FRC)

The Oakland FRC operates as an important hub for family and community life. Located in the heart of East Oakland, the FRC aims to provide a safe, trusted place where community members receive support and advocacy to navigate and access a myriad of resources. By offering programs and services in one location that educate and support parents, children, and youth, the Oakland FRC helps strengthen families and build healthier neighborhoods.

For Child Care Providers

- The Resource & Referral Program (R&R) offers free services to all child care providers in our R&R service areas. R&R provides professional development and early learning and education workshops, a resource lending library, quarterly newsletters, free educational materials, and information about community resources available for providers.
- Child care providers participating in the Child Care Payment Programs and Family Child Care Home Education Network also have access to professional development and early learning and education workshops, free educational materials, program resources, and quarterly newsletters.

Orange County Neighborhood Resource Network (OC NRN)



The OC NRN is a collaborative partnership between CHS, the Children and Families Commission of Orange County, the Orange County Social Services Agency, and various community organizations, dedicated to supporting and strengthening families in Orange County. By engaging families and providing them with evidence-based programs, we are working to reduce the risk of stressful situations in the home and potential for abuse.