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ADVOCATE PROGRAM

In 1984, the State Legislature created the **Child Care Advocate Program (CCAP)** to provide a link between child care licensing and the community. The CCAP promotes the delivery of quality child care in California.

The CCAP tailors its activities to fit the needs of the child care community and provides information to parents, child care providers, employers, educators, and community groups.

The Child Care Advocate participates in many community activities and special projects in order to:

- Disseminate information on the State's licensing role.
- Provide information to the public and parents on child care licensing.
- Act as a liaison to child care resource and referral agencies.
- Serve as liaison to businesses, education groups, child care provider organizations, Resource and Referral Agencies, and other child care programs.
- Assist county government and community agencies in capacity building and quality improvement efforts to ensure the availability of quality child care.
- Assist in the coordination of complaints and concerns on behalf of children in child care.

Currently there are two Child Care Advocates in the State:

- The Northern Child Care Advocate covers those counties within the jurisdiction of the Chico, Rohnert Park, River City, Fresno, Bay Area, Peninsula, and San Jose Child Care Regional Offices.
- The Southern Child Care Advocate covers those counties within the jurisdiction of the San Diego, Riverside, Orange, Santa Barbara, Culver City and Monterey Park Child Care Regional Offices.