

The
California
Child Care
Initiative
Project



Eco-Healthy
Child Care

The Network is collaborating with the Eco-Healthy Child Care Program (EHCC) in their efforts to nationalize their program, by piloting it in California, via the California Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP). The program works to support providers in creating safe, eco-healthy child care environments. As of September 2008, CCIP has:

- Provided a brief overview at the CCIP/GLC Year-End Trainings
- Coordinated efforts with EHCC to provide materials to CCIP sites that are interested. All projects were invited to participate and 29 sites have expressed interest thus far, totaling a distribution of over 16,500 items in distribution; they include:



- Checklists
 - Brochures
 - Paper for mailings/welcome letters for providers
- Projects who ordered Brochures and Checklists also received:*

- Door Poster with Brochure Holder
- Door Poster with tips on the 10
- Electronic samples of
 - Several Newsletter articles
 - Sample outreach/welcome letter

All projects received

- An electronic copy of an EHCC introductory PowerPoint presentation
- Electronic versions of 'Wallet Cards':
 - *Picking Safer Plastics*
 - *Green Cleaning Guide*

Next Steps...

Updates will be sent to CCIP contacts who have expressed interest.

- EHCC is in the process of translating resources to:
 - Spanish
 - Chinese
 - Russian
- CCIP project specialists can bring samples of the materials that are readily available during site visits this Fall
- Tentatively - Two TOT will be scheduled mid to late January, at which point participants will also receive
 - Trainer's guide
 - Wallet cards

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	CA R&Rs/CCIP Sites	EHCC Program
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write and print a one page letter in black & white which explains the program to providers (sample letter provided) Conduct a mass mailing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide color copies of the checklists Provide color copies of an informative brochure Provide copies of posters and brochure holders
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in a training of trainers (half day training), so that CCIP/GLC staff may train and support providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a half day training of trainers for R&R staff who will train providers
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a liaison and support for providers who are completing the voluntary 25 item checklist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technical assistance to providers as needed Process the paperwork and review of checklists Provide a certificate verifying that the provider is endorsed by the EHCC program as being eco-healthy (upon completion of 20/25 items on the voluntary checklist) Endorse the provider/program and list the program as being eco-healthy on EHCC's website

As of September 2, 2008 there are 30 CCIP sites with over 16,500 brochures & checklists in circulation in California!