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Welcome to the BCC Newsletter

This newsletter, which contains announcements related to the child care facilities development and financing field in California, is sent to individuals who have expressed interest in the Building Child Care (BCC) Project. BCC develops and disseminates this newsletter quarterly. In the future, if you know of other resources or events to publicize please send your suggestions to:
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BCC SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BCC's coordinating agency has changed their name:**
The National Economic Development & Law Center has changed its name to **Insight Center for Community Economic Development (the Insight Center)**: "Our name has evolved as our focus has evolved," said Roger Clay, President of the Insight Center. First established as a War on Poverty program in 1969, NEDLC provided legal services. In the 80s and 90s, our multi-disciplinary approach expanded to an even wider array of community economic development strategies including industry-focused workforce development and the economic impact of early care and education.
- **California Community Care Licensing Division Updates:**
Monthly updates of child care program information
- **Early Care and Education in the Golden State:**
The RAND Corporation has undertaken the California Preschool Study to improve understanding of achievement gaps in the early elementary grades, the adequacy of preschool education currently given, and what efficiencies or additional resources might be brought to bear in early care and education (ECE).
- **BCC publicaciones traducidas al Español:**
 - **Etapas del Desarrollo de las Instalaciones de los Centros de Cuidado Infantil:** Una guía general para el entendimiento de los pasos involucrados en el proceso de financiamiento y desarrollo de las instalaciones en California de los Centros de Cuidado Infantil.
 - **Centros de Cuidado Infantil: Manual para la planeación financiera y el desarrollo de instalaciones:** Una versión ampliada y revisada del Centro para Maniobrar la Complejidad de los Materiales (Insight Center Maneuvering the Maze). Este manual incluye cuatro detallados capítulos, diseñados para el auxilio de los directores de los Centros de Cuidado Infantil y para que los dueños de estos administren el lado financiero de sus negocios y para que planifiquen las instalaciones, incluyendo la expansión, renovación, construcción o la compra del centro.
 - **Glosario de Términos Sobre Préstamos:** Definición de los términos usados en el préstamo y desarrollo de las instalaciones cuando se relacionan con los proyectos de cuidado infantil.
 - **Publicacion de la fundacion Fannie Mae:**
 1. *Bases para préstamos: lo que ud. no sabe puede causarle ----problemas*
 2. Para conocer y entender su crédito
- **Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund (CCFRF)**
The Child Care Facilities Revolving Loan Fund (CCFRF) is a lease-to-purchase program that provides funding to eligible California Department of Education (CDE) child care and development contracting agencies that wish to acquire relocatable buildings. CCFRF can also be used for renovation, repair, or improvement of existing buildings. CDE has recently modified some of their restrictions for this loan. For example, they have expanded funding an additional \$60,000 (a max of \$210,000) per relocatable. The following online resources are available for CCFRF:
 - [Main website of CCFRF online applications and form](#)
 - [Power Point detailing CCFRF](#)

- **BCC Offers Capital Financing Technical Assistance:**
Through the BCC Project, the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) provides help for people who need capital loans to finance child care center facilities. If you need help preparing to access capital financing, please email the Low Income Investment Fund at capitalfinance@liifund.org. They can help you with:
 - Understanding lenders' required documentation
 - Child care loan processes
 - Borrower financial readiness Project development processes
 - Project feasibility

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New Report! Strategies for Increasing Child Care Facilities Development and Financing in California** (September 2007):
This document ([Executive Summary](#)) ([Full Report](#)) is a Building Child Care publication designed to educate policymakers and the child care field about barriers and solutions to child care facilities development and financing.
- **New Reports!**On January 14, 2008, the Los Angeles County Child Care Planning Council, Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), and the City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board held a business forum to release two reports produced by the **Insight Center**. The reports, *The Economic Impact of the Early Care and Education Industry in Los Angeles County* and *Early Care and Education Career Lattices in Los Angeles*, demonstrate that child care is a significant industry in Los Angeles (L. A.), providing more than 65,000 jobs and generating more than \$1.9 billion in gross receipts annually.
 - [Early Care and Education Career Lattices in Los Angeles](#)
 - [The Economic Impact of the Early Care and Education Industry in Los Angeles County](#)
 - [Executive Summary](#)
- **New Report! The 2007 Child Care California Child Care Portfolio:** is a statewide and county by county report documenting child care supply and demand.

EXISTING BCC PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHT

- **Family Child Care Financial Planning and Facilities Development Manual:** An expanded version of the Insight Center Maneuvering the Maze materials, specifically for family child care providers. This Manual includes five detailed chapters designed to help family child care providers manage the financial side of their businesses and plan for a facility development project including expanding, renovating, building or purchasing a family child care home. **Now available in Spanish and Chinese!**
- **Family Child Care Home Facility Development Checklists:** A general guideline for understanding the steps involved in the process of financing and developing family child care facilities in California.

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- **Child Care and Development State Budget Policy Workshops:** Provide overviews of political issues and California State budget through annual Budget Workshops. (Check webpage for dates & locations).

- **Family Child Care Development Project:** There is a recognized need to support the professional development of family child care providers through local family child care associations. This project will be implemented over a period of two years.

OTHER RESOURCES

- **Take the BCC Web Site Survey!**
Help the Building Child Care Project better serve the child care field by taking this brief (one minute) survey of the BCC web site.
- **Small Business Association (SBA): How To Start A Quality Child Care Business:** Designed to help you plan, prepare and operate a successful child care business. It explains the step by step process of starting the business, from assessing the need for child care services to selecting the service, setting up your business, and preparing for opening day. It also includes information from women who have owned or now operate their own child care businesses. |
- **SBA:Child Care Services Management & Planning Series:** An overview of the industry, including models of day-care operations.
- **Finding A Child Care Center Site:** In addition to providing some guidance on how to work with real estate professionals, this new publication by the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) includes a list of useful local resources and websites that can assist in your search. BCC also developed a similar tool called **Child Care Facilities Site Selection**.
- **What to Consider Before Purchasing a Child Care Center:** The purpose of this document is to provide a potential buyer with a list of considerations to keep in mind before purchasing an existing child care center business, facility and land.
- **Child Care Handbook: A Guide for Developing Child Care Facilities with Affordable Housing:** Bridge Housing Corporation (BRIDGE) proposed the creation of this handbook to serve as a resource for affordable housing developers seeking to build new child care facilities and family owned child care homes along with affordable housing.
- **Planning for Inclusion: The Case for Child Care:** This report challenges planners to incorporate child care into local economic development, land use and transportation planning.
- **Court of Appeal Issues Decision in Important Family Child Care Case** The California Court of Appeal recently issued a very positive ruling in *Sisemore v. Master Financial*, a case involving a mortgage lender's refusal to extend a loan to a family child care provider because her income came from her child care business.
- **Children in Immigrant Families: A California Data Brief:** This document presents the most current data available on the health, education and family well-being of children in California's immigrant families, who represent 51% of the state's total child population.

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The Building Child Care (BCC) Project provides a centralized clearinghouse of information and services to increase the California child care sector's

understanding of the facilities development process and access to facility financing resources. *If you have any questions about the process of financing and developing child care facilities in California, please call the Building Child Care toll-free line at*
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