



# The Children's Partnership

## IMPACT

### 2024

In 2024, The Children's Partnership built progress, connection and power in line with our strategic plan. **By harnessing the power of partnership, we aim to achieve health equity for all children in California.**

## PROGRESS

*Create and facilitate implementation of policies that address systemic inequities and contribute to healthy children, resourced families and safe and welcoming communities.*

Supporting Child Well-Being Together



### Strengthening Organizational Health

TCP's staff grew by 25%, building our capacity to advocate for child health equity.

We continued celebrating our 30th anniversary with online fireside chats with Melanie Fontes Rainer, director of the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara; as well as an in-person event in Los Angeles featuring a powerful panel discussion with women of color leaders focused on the importance of intersectional advocacy and the power of solidarity.

### State Budget

In a tough budget year, TCP championed 2 budget items included in the state's final budget bill:

- **Multi-year continuous Medi-Cal coverage for children ages 0-5**
- **A rate increase for the Medi-Cal Community Health Worker Services Benefit**

To make this happen, we worked with partners to launch a grassroots campaign that sent **786 letters to the Governor and legislators.**

### Children's Health Equity Bills

We co-sponsored 4 bills, making progress toward achieving timely access to youth mental health services and battling digital discrimination by internet service providers.



### 2 TCP-supported bills signed into law by the Governor:

- Helping improve Medi-Cal wait times through data collection and reporting (SB 1289)
- Protecting the privacy of LGBTQ+ youth in schools (AB 1955)

### State Ballot Initiatives

**TCP took positions on ballot Propositions 5, 33 and 35**, issuing a voter guide and engaging in a media campaign to educate voters on the importance of housing and Medi-Cal to overall health and well-being. On Prop. 35, our opposition campaign earned the support of the editorial boards of nearly all major CA news publications.

# CONNECTION

Build a bridge between impacted families & policymakers.

- **We launched a statewide survey of Medi-Cal call wait times**, finding an average wait of nearly 1 hour – too long for CA families. The first-of-its-kind report gained attention of both media and state leaders, and ultimately supported the passage of SB 1289.
- **We expanded our ALL IN toolkit for educators with fact sheets in 7 languages** to help families access important information on immigrant health coverage, public charge, and Medi-Cal enrollment and renewal.
- **TCP and the National Health Law Program continued our feedback loop project with Medi-Cal enrollment assisters**, co-hosting 11 meetings with nearly 780 attendees to learn about on-the-ground challenges faced by assisters and families. This feedback helped to inform our ALL IN to Keep Kids Covered campaign and the work of the Keep CA Covered coalition.

WELCOMING COMMUNITIES!



A CHILD IS A CHILD #ACIAC



## 20 webinars with over 2,300 attendees

on topics ranging from birth equity to reparations, in partnership with the CA-Protecting Immigrant Families coalition, Whole Child Equity Partnership and more

## 29 newsletters

to 4 audiences, increasing connection, partnership and education in service of our policy and community engagement goals

## 17 fact sheets

8 for advocates  
6 for community use  
3 for policymakers and administrators

# POWER

Increase the power and influence of marginalized voices in policy advocacy.



**We awarded**

**\$8 million to 8 CA high schools**

**for Peer-to-Peer Youth Mental Health, with DHCS**

**Our staff had**

**67 speaking engagements** including press conferences, hearings, community events, conferences and partner or coalition meetings.

**TCP and our staff appeared in 80 news stories**

- **In partnership with nearly 50 organizations**, we produced 2 research briefs on community health workers and protective factors and 17 fact sheets, including 8 in our A Child is a Child series.
- As part of our work with community focus groups, **we released a report outlining families' Medi-Cal renewal experiences and their recommendations** for how to improve the system, which we presented to DHCS; the department is now implementing some of these changes.
- **TCP helped launch the Housing Justice for Health Equity Collaborative** and grew our leadership in the CA Alliance for Digital Equity and Digital Equity LA, continuing to represent a whole child lens in new and existing partnerships. We continued our leadership in the Protecting Immigrant Families coalition and the Whole Child Equity Partnership, further cementing our commitment to racial justice in our work to advance child well-being.
- **TCP continued playing a leadership role in the CHW/P/R Coalition**, which represents the interests of community health workers, promotores and representatives, and helped to launch the coalition's first policy agenda.