

## 2025 IMPACT

### The Power of Partnership



#### By the Numbers

TCP and our staff participated in **55 speaking engagements**, reaching **5,700+ people** & appeared in **50 news stories**

In 2025, The Children's Partnership harnessed the power of partnership to push back against the many challenges families face under the current federal administration and fight for the well-being of children in California.

### Defending Medicaid/Medi-Cal

More than half of California's children depend on Medi-Cal, our state's Medicaid program.

To lift up California children's voices and fight against Republican-led cuts in the federal budget, TCP joined the **Fight For Our Health** coalition steering committee, led by **Health Access California**, **Service Employees International Union (SEIU) California**, and **California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN)**.

- Encouraged people to call their representatives, targeting Republicans in heavily impacted districts, including Rep. David Valadao's Central Valley district where nearly 90% of children rely on Medi-Cal.
- Created fact sheets on the impact of Medicaid cuts to children and families in California, and shared these widely.
- Joined rallies across the state; our President Mayra E. Alvarez spoke at **Rady Children's Hospital** in San Diego on the harm hospitals will face with federal cuts.



### Protecting Children in Immigrant and LGBTQ+ Families

Since President Trump took office this year, rhetoric has turned into trauma.

Immigration raids are tearing families apart. Life-affirming care is being ripped away from transgender youth. TCP teamed up with partners to ensure children's safety and well-being.

- Co-developed a webinar with **CA-Protecting Immigrant Families** coalition on how federal & state policy changes will reshape safety net programs, drawing an audience of over 1,200.
- Supported partners in their sponsorship of safe-schools bills AB 49 and AB 495, now signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

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- **Relaunched ALL IN for Safe Schools**, which brings together early childhood and K-12 education non-profit leaders to support educators and providers in creating welcoming, inclusive, and affirming learning environments – especially for children in immigrant families and LGBTQ+ students. Led by TCP and **Californians Together**, the campaign's core team includes **ACLU of Southern California, Equality California, Teach Plus California, Early Edge California, and California School-Based Health Alliance**.
  - **60+ direct-service and community-based organizations** gave input.
  - **\$75,000 in subgrants** went out to core team partners.
  - **30 presentations** reached **4,000+ educators, providers and advocates**.
  - **Centralized resources at [allinfor safeschools.org](https://allinfor safeschools.org)**, including a safe-space fact sheet for early care and education providers available in eight languages and a comprehensive know-your-rights K-12 educator toolkit.

## Urging California to Lead

California can lead the country in backing children's health policies that support everyone.

Throughout 2025, TCP led and joined coalitions to show strength in unity – reminding state leaders that our leadership can help drive change throughout the country.

- **Co-chaired the *Bringing Up California (BUC)* coalition**, which advocates for policies and programs that aim to make California the best state to have, raise and be a child. BUC is a multi-racial, multi-sector network of advocates, community organizers, service providers and experts. **\$1.2 million in subgrants** were distributed to steering committee members.
- **Kicked off *A Golden State for Kids*** with **Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, Crystal Stairs, Children Now and UNITE-LA**. The campaign brings together families, providers, child advocacy organizations and businesses to push for universal child care for children ages 0-3.
- **Secured two budget wins to support families:**
  - **\$20 million increase** in immigration legal services
  - **\$2.9 million** for trauma-informed care through ACEs Aware
- **Saw positive impact in our *Peer-to-Peer Youth Mental Health High School Pilot Demonstration***, a historic \$8 million investment in a youth-driven approach to mental health and well-being in partnership with **California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)**.
  - **936 participating youth** across eight high schools throughout the state.
- **Joined launch of *Choose Children 2026***, a gubernatorial candidate education campaign to help make the next governor a champion for California's youngest children and their families.

"For the first time, I feel like I can lead and help others who struggle, just like I did."

-Sierra High School student, San Bernardino



Peer-to-Peer Youth Mental Health leaders from Mission Hills High School with TCP's Raven Jones-McKinney