

The Power of Partnership

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.



By the Numbers

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

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**, 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