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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 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

- **Child Care Facilities Fund: San Francisco Family Child Care Grants:**
The San Francisco Child Care Facilities Fund makes four distinct child care facilities-related grants available to family child care providers within the City of San Francisco.

- **Child Care Facilities Fund: Alameda County Child Care Grants:**
 - Facility Grants:** The Facility Grant Program supports planning, pre-development, construction and other facilities and equipment costs for the start-up of a new center-based child care program, expansion or maintenance of an existing program, or preservation of a program that is at risk of losing existing slots.

 - Quality Improvement Grants:** The Quality Improvement Grant Program is intended to support child care programs that are participants in the Every Child Counts First 5 Alameda County Quality Improvement Initiative program. The Grant Program awards funds for child development materials and equipment, minor facility improvements or repairs, and other quality improvement projects designed to address areas identified in the child care program's Quality Improvement Plan.

- **California Community Care Licensing Division Updates:**
Monthly updates of child care program information

- **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 spara préstamos: lo que ud. no sabe puede causarle -----problemas*
 2. Para conocer y entender su crédito

- **Oakley to fund child care facilities from grant program funded by developer fees:** Oakley has one of the East Bay's largest concentrations of youngsters, with at least a third of its population under 18. City

officials have made it a goal to promote quality, licensed child care programs for local workers and families.

RECENT PUBLICATION

- **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.
- **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

- **What Does a Lender Look For? The 5 C's of Lending**: Provides an overview of the main criteria on which loan applications are judged for facilities development projects.
- **Understanding Loans**: Provides explanations of the advantages to using loans for family child care facilities development projects; information about a lender's perspective when considering an application; and an answer to the question: "what's the best way to apply for a loan?"
- **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. **Available in Spanish and Chinese.**
- **Child Care Center Financial Planning and Facilities Development Manual**: A revised and expanded version of the Insight Center Maneuvering the Maze materials. This Manual includes four detailed chapters designed to help child care center directors and owners manage the financial side of their businesses and plan for a facility development project including expanding, renovating, building or purchasing a center. Available in **Spanish.**

SAVE THE DATE!

- **CAEYC: Training the Early Childhood Trainer**
September 12-13 2008
Connect with other ECE professionals during two days of professional development created just for those who train staff, parents, and teachers. Each day offers workshops presented by knowledgeable, well-known speakers from the ECE community.

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. |

- **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.
- **Model Child Care Construction and Development Budgets:** The development of a child care facility entails much more than construction. Program directors and facilities managers can use this resource to further their understanding of how to prepare construction and development budgets.
- **Analysis of Title 22 & Title 5 Regulations Affecting Preschool Programs:** Policymakers looking to improve preschool options for families face the challenge of designing improvements in the regulatory framework in which programs must operate. To help guide efforts to improve the operation of preschool programs in centers serving multiple ages through different programs, the attached memo outlines areas of program operation where Title 5 and Title 22 differ.
- **Better Facilities Promote Quality:** Policymakers Carl Sussman and Amy Gillman argue that well-designed facilities enhance child development and program quality as well as help promote a positive workplace in an industry challenged to retain experienced teachers.

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