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## ABCD Constructing Connections

Launched in 2004 with the support of First 5 California, ABCD Constructing Connections, a program of the Low Income Investment Fund, is an innovative program that actively encourages the child care and community development sectors to work together to support and streamline the process of financing, constructing and managing child care facilities in California. Through partnership building and training, Constructing Connections ensures that the child care community gains greater access to sources of financing and support for construction projects and that new child care spaces are continuously created for California's growing population.

We sponsor lead agencies in 10 counties to form or strengthen collaboratives of community development and child care representatives. Collaboratives have various stakeholders, some members include: child care advocates, child care coordinators, public law attorney's, architects, retired licensing analysts, affordable housing developers, and local government representatives. Their willingness to share their expertise and commitment to this program model has undoubtedly enabled our lead agencies to thrive in this complex area of facilities development. Whether your interest is in expanding or developing your own child care center, our lead agencies can help you through the facilities development process from conception to construction. These collaboratives work together to find ways to simplify the facility development process. By removing barriers such as unfriendly building ordinances, the collaboratives ensure that more child care centers can be built to meet the needs of the community.

### *Our Lead Agencies Understand Child Care Facilities Development*

Constructing Connections lead agencies can assist in the facilities development process by providing you with technical assistance and resources in the following areas:

- Assessing Market Demands
- Preparing a Business Plan and Budget
- Licensing Requirements
- Quality Design
- Understanding Permitting Processes
- Available Financial Resources
- Finding a Child Care Center Site
- Child Care Center Facility Development

### **For more information, please contact your nearest Constructing Connections Lead Agency.**

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