

Janis Isenberg

Janis Isenberg has worked in the area of early care and education for over twenty-five years. In her current capacity as an assistant director of the Division of Parent and Community Services for Los Angeles County Office of Education, Ms. Isenberg provides oversight for the Child Care Training Institute, a training program for licensed and licensed exempt providers throughout Los Angeles County. She has been a teacher, teacher on special assignment for pregnant and parenting teens, consultant, and director. Most recently, she has been an integral part of the master plan for Los Angeles County Universal Preschool (LAUP) and the development of First 5 LA. Ms. Isenberg serves on the Child Care Planning Committee and is a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Care. Ms. Isenberg holds a Masters of Arts degree in Administration from California State University Los Angeles and Master of Arts in Special Education from California State University Los Angeles.

Child Care Training Institute

The Los Angeles County Office of Education, under the Division of Parent and Services, established the Child Care Training Institute (CCTI) which provides newly licensed and other child care providers with the knowledge and skills that support children's growth and learning. Since its inception over 26,000 individuals have taken CCTI workshops throughout Los Angeles County led by early care professionals.

Licensed and non-licensed providers may be eligible to receive a one-time start-up package valued up to \$250. In addition, providers may be eligible for a free 15-hour CPR/First Aid Health class and free fingerprinting which is required for licensing.

In 2002 researchers found "CCTI to be instrumental in developing a network of trainers providing current and linguistically sensitive information on best practices in the field of Los Angeles County's diverse populations residing in areas designated in the "high need" category of quality child care services."

In 2005, Results Research indicated that the "workshops appeared to be successful in promoting high quality child care. Moreover, these workshops appear to play a particularly critical role in supporting Los Angeles County's highly diverse small and large family child care homes, the majority of which speak a primary language other than English."

