The Foothill Shared Services for Early Childhood Vision for Our Community

We seek to build a network of child care centers committed to diversity and inclusion. Working together, we will help maintain and expand options for high-quality early care and education for all families in the Pasadena Foothill region, regardless of income.

Our Mission

To provide our families with high-quality child care.

To achieve this goal, we strive to help our members increase their financial and program strengths.

We work together to share costs and information, and deliver services in a more streamlined and efficient way.

Our Values

- Diversity and inclusiveness
- Respect and care for ourselves, others, and our environment
- Play-based learning through active investigation of the environment
- Social-emotional context of learning and psychological well-being for all children
- Anti-bias education to address social inequities
- Learning environments that promote joyful interaction for both children and adults
- Collaboration with families, schools, and communities

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“Early childhood education is the key to the betterment of society”
— Maria Montessori

Foothill Shared Services
For Early Childhood

A Network of High-Quality Early Care & Education Organizations Joining Together to Share Costs and Information
Our Commitment

The Foothill Shared Services for Early Childhood is committed to providing the highest quality care and education for children, including accessibility for all families.

This commitment requires addressing financial pressures. We must attract and retain highly qualified teachers and achieve teacher/child ratios that significantly exceed state minimum standards, which substantially increases cost. However, neither families nor the state can pay for the full cost of quality.

That’s why we established Foothill Shared Services – to improve efficiencies, share resources such as professional development, and raise funds from sources other than parents and the state. Foothill Shared Services is an innovative framework to achieve these goals.

Our Members

Foothill Shared Services members serve just over 2,000 children at 21 sites in the Pasadena area.

Founding Members:
- Altadena Children’s Center
  www.accc-kids.org
- B’nal Simcha Jewish Community Preschool
  www.bnaisimcha.org
- Child Educational Center (Fiscal Agent)
  www.oeconline.org
- Children’s Center at Caltech
  www.ccc.caltech.edu
- Options for Learning
  www.optionsforlearning.org
- Pacific Oaks Children’s School
  www.pacificoaksschool.org
- The Frostig School (Associate Member)
  www.frostigschool.org

Building on Strengths

The shared services framework encourages us to value our differences and share our strengths. We understand what each of us brings to the community, and how that helps create the richness of collaborative learning that values inclusiveness and diversity.