A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

It would be simply impossible to successfully administer early care and education programs without the help of community members who remain ready to ensure young children are provided opportunities for healthy development. We are often humbled by the willingness of our partners, donors, and allies to quickly respond to our needs and give of themselves.

This year, we reflected on the many people who have contributed to the organization over the past 35 years. Through their dedication, courage, and vision, we have evolved into a community-based organization committed to preserving childhood, employing best practices, elevating play, and strengthening the relationships children form during their early years.

As part of this evolution, we focused our efforts on diversifying our board to better represent our community by welcoming three new board members, Dr. Rashida Crutchfield, Cheryl Lvovsky, and Yessenia Henriquez. We also revised our philosophy statement to better align with our service delivery model and adopted The Creative Curriculum and Resources for Infant Educators (RIE) as our curricular approaches.

These are just a few examples of the important steps we are taking to build on our successes. We recognize that as we continue to learn and grow, we will be accompanied by new partners, donors, and allies who will further define our legacy. We’re eager to meet you!

With gratitude,

Anna Topolewski
Board Chair

Dora Jacildo
Executive Director
This year, our board of directors, staff, and community supporters helped us celebrate 35 years of serving children and families in the cities of Long Beach, San Pedro, and Wilmington.

With this milestone, we decided it was time to make an even larger transition. Formerly Comprehensive Child Development, Child Lane has an updated mission, vision, purpose statement, and philosophy to better reflect the work that we do.

At Child Lane, our mission is to provide care in an environment where play is valued and children are supported to be their full potential.

Our vision is that all children will have a happy, healthy childhood where their strengths and identities are protected and celebrated.

We strive to keep equity, choice, respect and dignity at the cornerstone of a philosophy that values children and honors childhood.

From all of us at Child Lane, thank you for your support. We plan to spend the next 35 years continuing to offer early care and education, nutritious meals, and family support.
FAMILY FEEDBACK

My daughter has been attending the program since she was seven months old. It’s such a great feeling knowing that she’s safe and happy attending the program. She has made so many wonderful friends and has amazing teachers. Being able to see her grow is such a great feeling. I will continue to recommend this program to family and friends. Thank you so much!

-Parent from Tammie Kyle Center

I think the program has been really helpful for me and other parents that leave our children here to go to work. I feel really comfortable leaving my son here because I know he will be taken care of and given good meals. He has learned a lot since starting here. I feel really happy bringing him here and he is excited when I drop him off.

-Parent from Tammie Kyle Center
Child Lane has grown from serving 64 children in 1984, to serving close to 7,000 children in 2019. We have been able to do this through the support of community partners, private foundations, dedicated staff, and individuals like you. Every person that has supported our journey has helped impact over 160,000 children and families that have received services through Child Lane.

We encourage you to make a monetary contribution and invest in the children of our community. Your generosity provides a child with a safe and nurturing environment, nutritious meals, and high-quality early care and education.
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