



LISC's **Community Investment Collaborative for Kids (CICK)** offers financial and technical assistance for the development of new, quality child care facilities in high need communities across the country. CICK brings all parties to the table – public officials, child care providers, philanthropies and others to devise comprehensive solutions to the child care supply problem. Quality child care is a proven means for preparing children for future academic success and a critical support for working parents. Yet virtually every low-income community across the country faces a shortage of suitable, high quality child care facilities.

In Action

With CICK's support, LISC has **invested \$24 million in the planning and development** of 142 new facilities serving over 15,000 children in low-income urban and rural neighborhoods across the country. Our direct investment has leveraged \$150 million in other additional public and private support for these projects.

CICK specializes in crafting statewide programs that address the capital and technical assistance needs of the child care industry, and has raised over \$8 million in public and private funding to launch two statewide child care facilities lending funds in Connecticut and Rhode Island that offer a comprehensive package of resource and services for the renovation and construction of facilities.

CICK also **provides state-level policy consulting** on facilities development and financing programs. Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Maine, Oklahoma and Louisiana are among the states that have tapped CICK's expertise. CICK's biggest impact to date is in Connecticut, where it played a lead role in designing the state's innovative child care facilities financing program, which has generated over \$70 million for 30 new state-of-the-art facilities serving over 4,000 children.



Policy Leadership

CICK plays a leadership role in the **National Children's Facilities Network**, a 25-member coalition of nonprofit organizations involved in facilities financing and development. The network provides a critical forum for sharing successful strategies and lessons learned, as well as promoting legislation to support more public investment in quality child care facilities in low-income neighborhoods.

"Upgrading and maintaining high quality early child care centers is in the best interests of children, their parents and caregivers." Michael Goldstein, Chairman Toys "R" Us Children's Fund



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