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Outstanding California childcare providers recognized at State Capitol ceremony.



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The Fourth Annual Childcare Provider of the Year ceremony was held to recognize the important role that informal childcare providers play in raising preschool age children and preparing them for Kindergarten. In California, an estimated 65 percent of children up to age 4 are either in the care of a parent or an informal caregiver, many of whom are eager for more information and training in early childhood education.

Three years ago Jade Stanford opened Get a Life Child Care, offering a nurturing family environment that helps alleviate some of the stress children go through during a family illness. After her husband's battle with leukemia and experiencing the stress and turmoil this put on their own children, Jade felt compelled to open her home to children of families facing similar experiences.

She offers mentoring to parents and has created a huge support system for families as a whole. Moreover, she offers families resources to navigate through all the different areas of need, including psychological counseling, insurance counseling, parenting skills, holistic healthcare and more. Jade has taught us that one can take a tough life experience, learn from it and help others by offering a unique and profound service that is greatly needed in our communities today.