

Michael Olenick, *President and CEO, Child Care Resource Center (CCRC)*

Dr. Michael Olenick has been the President and CEO for CCRC since 2004. He oversees all programs, projects, and services provided to over 50,000 children and families each month in a service area spanning 22,500 square miles. For more than three decades, Michael has served on numerous boards and committees at the county, state and national level. He is the immediate Past President of both Child Care Aware of America and the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network (CCRRN).

Prior to coming to CCRC, Michael served as Senior Vice President of the California Community College Foundation where he developed child, youth and family development education programs. He also served as the Chief of Emancipation for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (LADCFS).

He obtained his BA from the University of Illinois and then a master's degree from the Erikson Institute. After receiving his master's degree, Michael taught for several years at the Chicago Child Care Society in Hyde Park, Illinois. He received his Ph.D. in Education from UCLA after his dissertation, "The Relationship between Child Care Quality and Selected Social Policy Variables." He also taught child care policy at the university level and served as public policy instructor for the California Association for the Education of Young Children Leadership Program. Michael was recently honored by the California Youth Connection with their Legend award, The Child Development Institute with Their Heart Of Gold Award, and the Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce with their Community Award of Excellence.