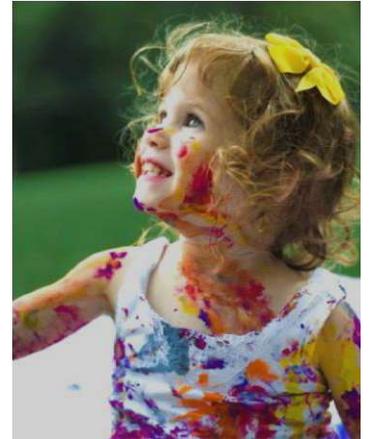


# Child Care

Covid-19 has made everyone aware of the devastating effect that a lack of child care has on women's lives. When affordable child care is not available, women leave the workforce at much higher rates than do men. Without both immediate and long-term action to shore up the child care infrastructure and establish more progressive work-family policies, the United States cannot achieve continued economic growth nor protect and advance gender equity.



Long time branch members will remember that in 1987, our branch's community committee researched and wrote the position paper, "Easing the Child Care Crisis." This position paper promoted high-quality, accessible, and affordable child care. AAUW-CA accepted our work and formed a two-year child care taskforce.

At our May meeting, our speaker will be Pat Chambers, Director of the Center For Children in La Crescenta. Pat will speak to us on the current state of child care, its recent history, and its potential future. We hope you will join us for this illuminating presentation!

**SATURDAY, May 15, 2021**

**Eat lunch on your own and then join us on Zoom!**

→ **1:00 PM Zoom** ←

**Read page 7 for how to attend**

No cost to attend and no RSVP needed. A link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed the day before, or see page 7 for how to attend if you don't have the link.

*Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy*

*In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class*