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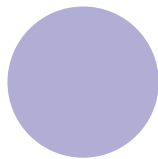
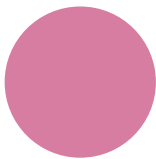
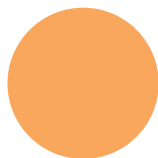




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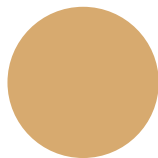


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Message from President



The Korea Institute of Child Care and Education (KICCE) will establish early childhood care and education (ECEC) policies which allow family, society, and the government to join hands and help future talent find fulfilment.

KICCE is a government-funded research institute under the umbrella of the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences (NRC) of the Prime Minister's Office, which aims to research and develop policies on early childhood education and care in a comprehensive and systematic way.

Since its establishment in 2005, when low birthrate emerged as a national crisis in Korea, KICCE has contributed to the development of national policies on children's positive as well as, and the healthy development, and in improvement of child care by conducting research on early childhood education, childbirth, and child-rearing, and working to develop and evaluate relevant policies.

Normalcy is gradually returning to everyday life, as the end of the COVID-19 pandemic nears. We are grateful to witness that things are finding their way to what they were before the pandemic, and we hope that the lives of children no longer face restrictions, but are even more enriched.

This year's childcare policy is at a crossroads where important issues must be resolved. The consolidation of early childhood education and childcare systems is a long-standing issue in the education and childcare sectors that must be addressed to provide future generations a fair start. Furthermore, the introduction of parental benefits and discussions on extending the duration of parental leave demonstrate policy efforts to counter our society's low birthrate, establish a social environment conducive to raising children.

However, we must keep in mind that our childcare policies should lead to children's happiness. The happiness of children who are born and raised in Korea is not only essential for their own well-being but also a crucial investment in the future of the country.

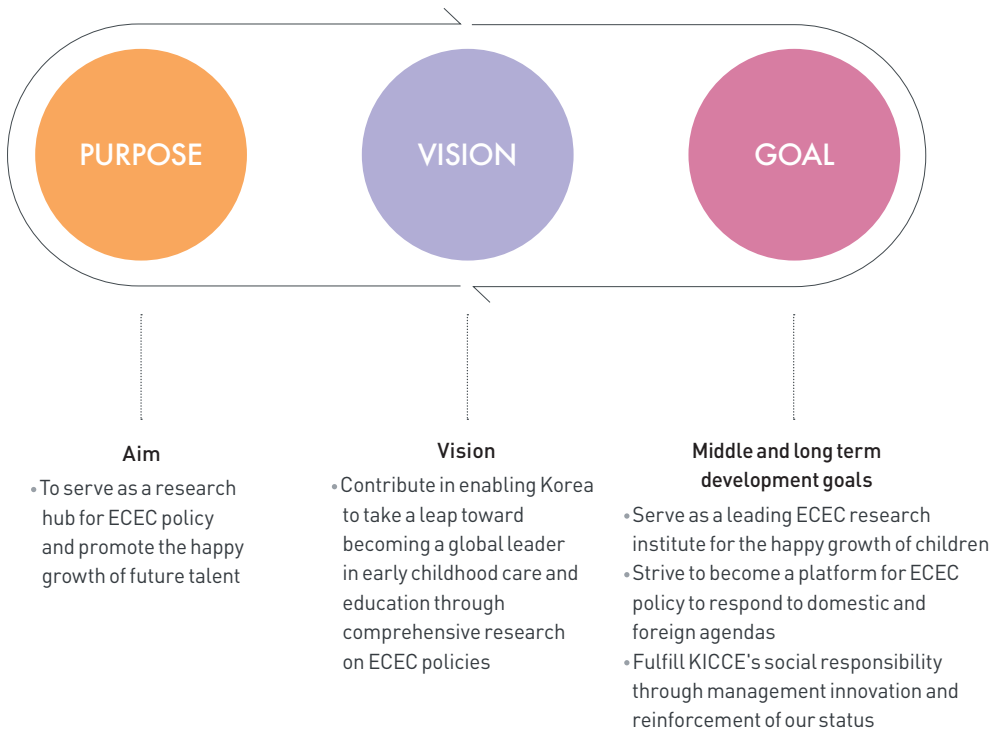
The KICCE will continue to do all it can to support the establishment of a childcare environment where children can grow happy and healthy. As a national research institute, we will listen to the opinions of various experts in the field and make further efforts to ensure that our research results contribute to the development of childcare policies. We kindly ask for your support and interest in the KICCE.

President of Korea Institute of Child Care and Education

Park, Sang Hee 

Vision and Mission of 2021~2023

KOREA INSTITUTE OF CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION



MANAGEMENT GOALS AND EXECUTION STRATEGIES

Goals & Strategies 1

Take the initiative in researching future-oriented policies for the happy growth of children

- Expand scope of research based on children's rights and life stages
- Strengthen research activities on leading policies for the cooperation and development of future-oriented early childhood education and care
- Play a leading role in research to create childcare-friendly families and society
- Improve our research project management system to enhance our contribution to policymaking

Goals & Strategies 2

Realize a research platform for the ECEC policy to respond to domestic and foreign agendas

- Establish a research platform for domestic and foreign ECEC policies to prepare for the post-pandemic era
- Increase communication with policy beneficiaries and share policy results in various ways
- Create an ECEC policy ecosystem through interdisciplinary convergence and cooperation

Goals & Strategies 3

Enhance the status of KICCE through inclusive management innovation

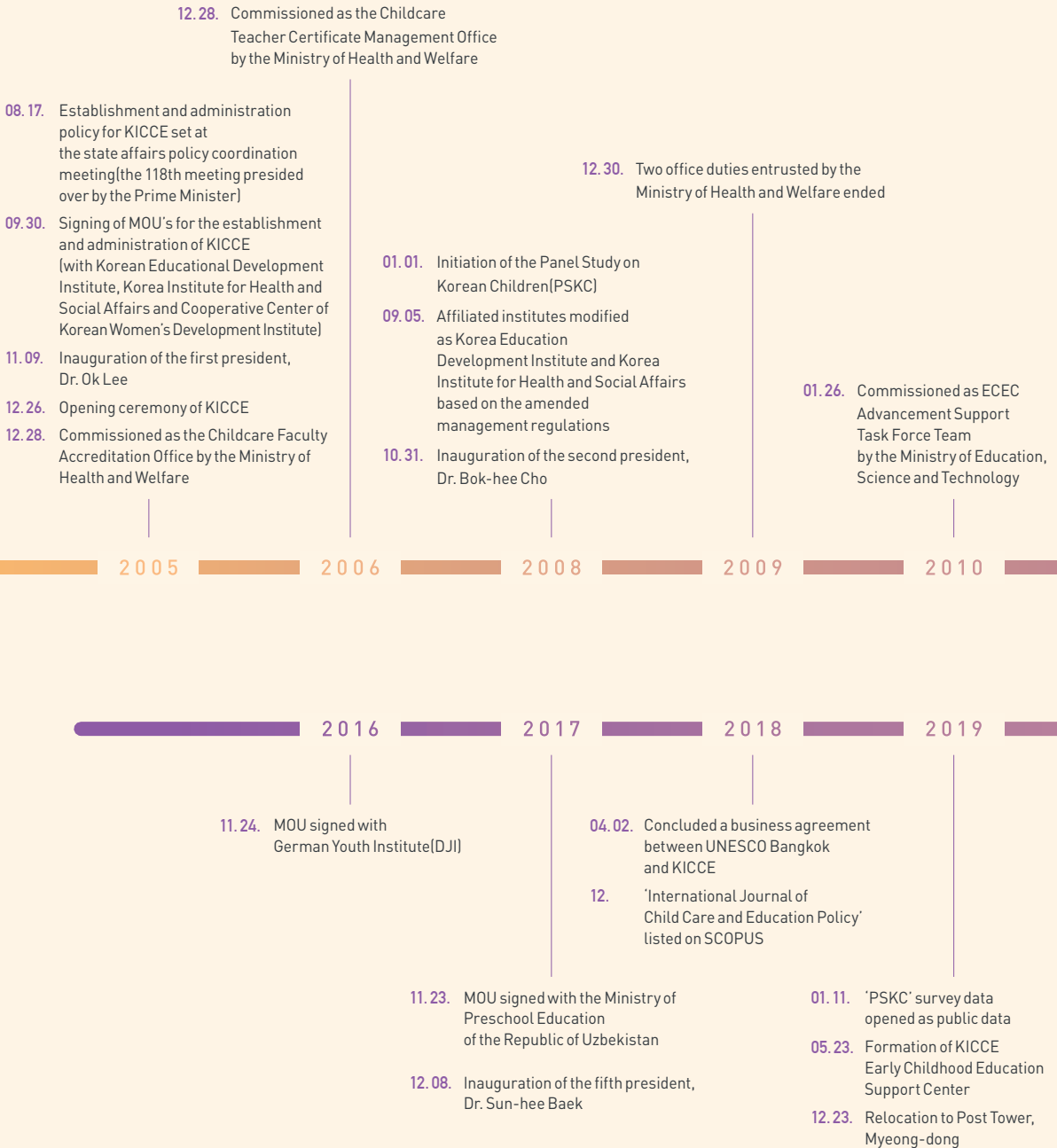
- Promote incorporation and strengthen human rights-focused and ethical management
- Build a more inclusive organizational culture to realize social value
- Enhance efficiency of organization management through innovation

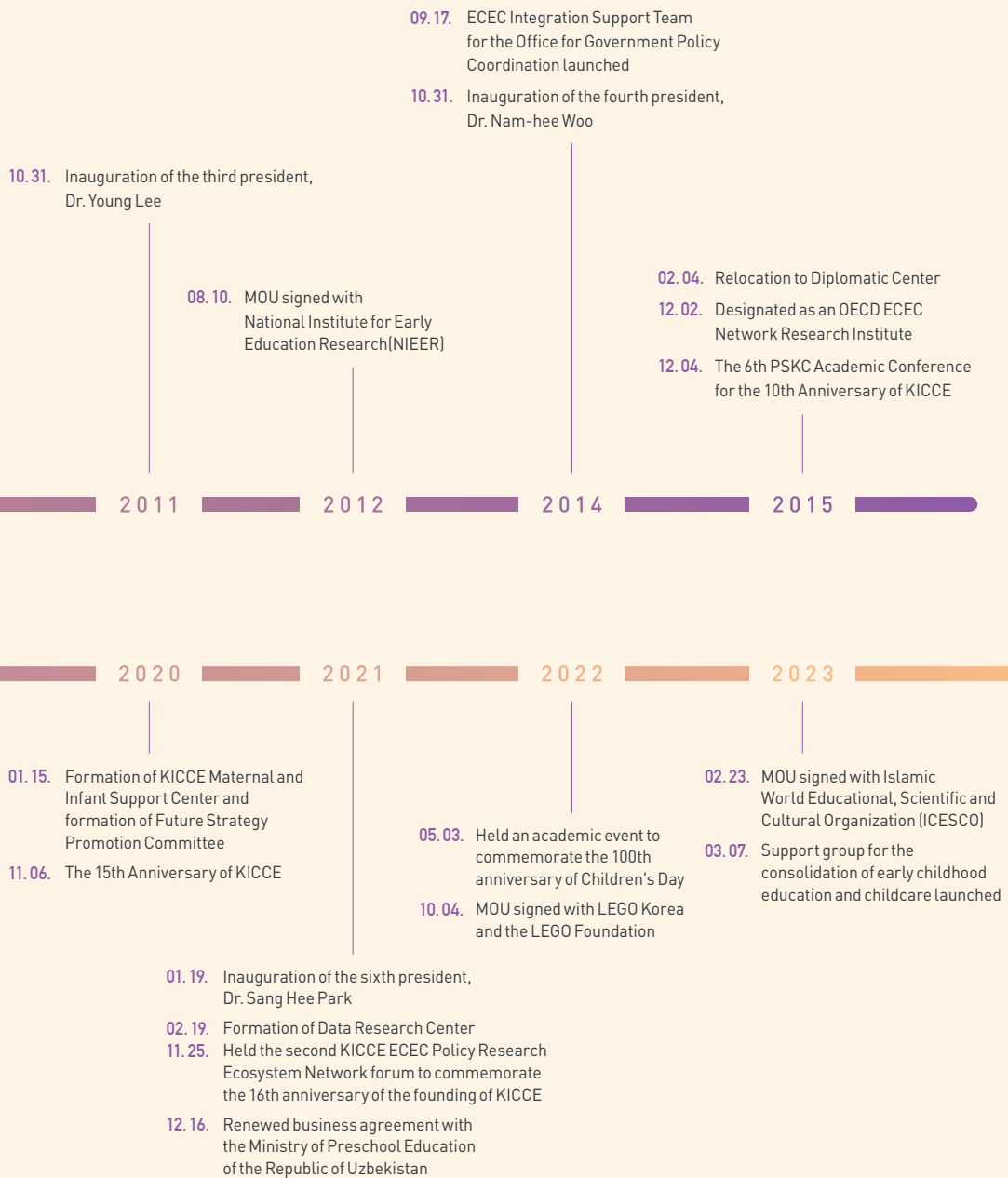


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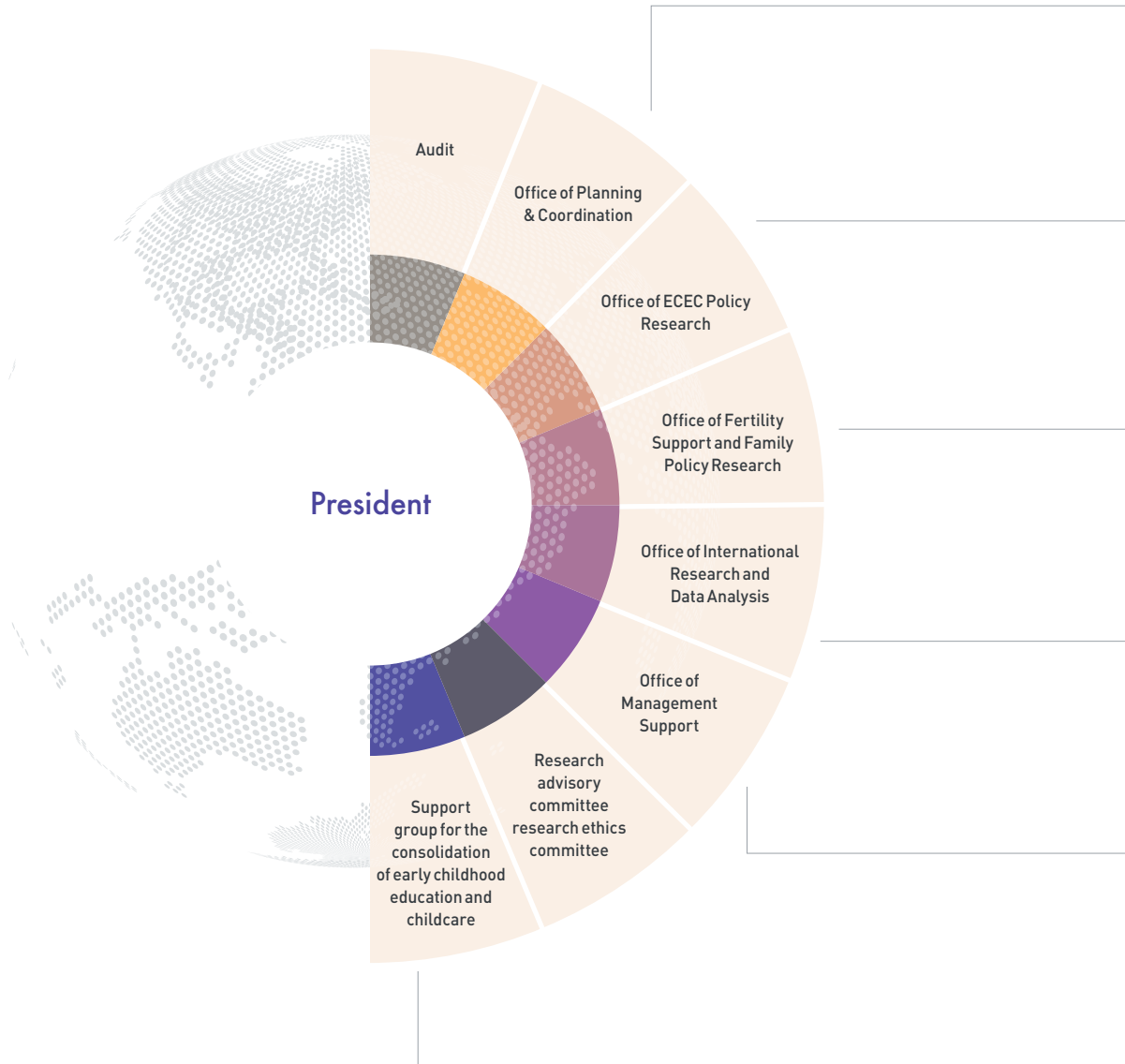
The following is the timeline of KICCE history since its inception in 2005. Today, KICCE is still writing a new history of its significant contribution that will make Korea one of the leading countries in developing early childhood education and care policies.





Organization

KICCE is building a happy workplace through open and ethical management for ECEC policy research and policy development to fulfill social values.



Office of Planning &
Coordination

Research Planning and Evaluation Team

- Identifies ECEC policy agenda to carry out the leading policy research
- Promotes and manages research projects

Public Relations Team

- Issues various publications including Korean Journal of Child Care and Education Policy
- Operates the library
- Manages public relations with domestic and international organizations, producing promotional materials and signing MOUs.

Office of ECEC Policy
Research

Future Education Research Team

- Promotes policy research considering current policies on forward-looking early childhood education and the coexistence and connection between early childhood education and care

Childcare Policy Research Team

- Conducts studies that investigate the current issues of Child Care policies and prepare for the future society

Office of Fertility Support and
Family Policy Research

Fertility and Child Rearing Support Research Team

- Conducts studies on parenting, parental competence and parental support and cooperates with organizations related to parent education and care

Family Policy Research Team

- Carries out inclusive child care policies to support the healthy growth and development of children based on the changing and extended concept of the family

Office of International Research
and Data Analysis

International Research Team

- Performs international research on early childhood education and care
- Is in charge of networking and cooperation with related international institutes
- Identifies and disseminates the ECEC policy trends around the world
- Publishes International Journal of Child Care and Education Policy(IJCCEP)

Data Research Center

- Collects, analyzes and utilizes data and statistics
- Publishes Key Statistics for Infants and Children
- Conducts research on ECEC policies through data and statistics

Office of Management Support

Human Resources Team

- Handles HRD related tasks such as management planning, personnel affairs, salary and training programs

General Affairs and IT Team

- Is in charge of contracts for research projects and general affairs
- Handles IT support tasks

Budget and Accounting Team

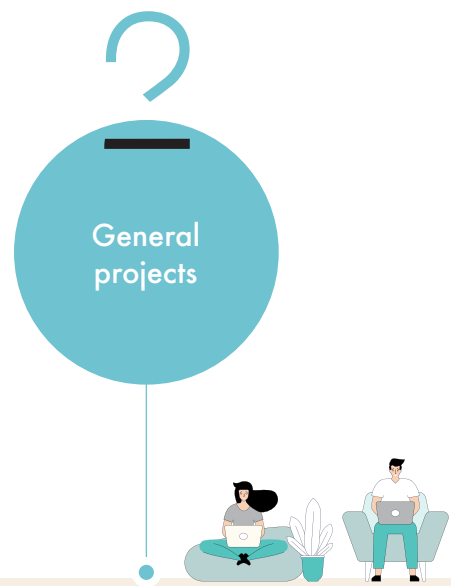
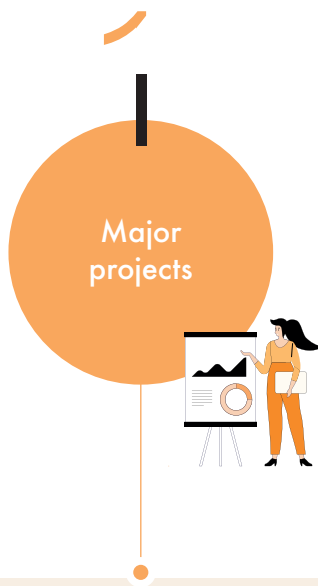
- Performs tasks related to budget and accounting for government funding
- Manages entrusted projects
- Conducts management disclosure, taxation and settlement, expenditure and cooperation with related organizations

Support group for the consolidation of
early childhood education and childcare

- Provide and support the research foundation for the efficient and effective preparation and implementation of early childhood education and childcare consolidation task of the government's Taskforce on Consolidation of Early Childhood Education and Care

Major Research Projects in 2023

KICCE selects topics and conducts studies that contribute to the development of ECEC policies by analyzing and evaluating the policies and producing basic data for policy-making.



- Employment trends and methods to improve the treatment of daycare and kindergarten teachers
- Measures to improve infant abuse prevention and follow-up management: with a focus on infant abandonment
- An analysis of the current state of services that support children's social and emotional development and improvement measures
- A study on the improvement of time policy for equal childcare rights(II): on ensuring paternal childcare rights
- A study on improvement measures of the quality of kindergarten after-school (care) services
- Protection and reality of children's privacy online
- A study on analyzing the demand for emergency care services for infants and primary school children and measures of institutionalization
- The status of young children data integration and improvement plans
- A study on measures to systematize policies on early childhood childcare support
- A study on diversification of kindergarten operation for ensuring parents' right to choose and enhancing rationality of institution management

- Policy Performance and Tasks of ECEC(II): Focusing on the Outcome Evaluation of the National plan of ECEC
- A study on supporting parental competence in vulnerable families (II): for adolescent parents
- An Analysis of Childcare Infrastructure Trend and the Responsive Policy in the Era of Low Fertility(II): Focusing on Kindergarten and daycare center
- A study on how to resolve the gap in development and learning of young children after COVID-19(II)
- Monitoring and performance improvement measures for the phased implementation of childcare and education consolidation(II): identifying action tasks and developing performance indicators
- A study on childrearing costs and childcare services (KICCE Spending Survey 2023)
- A study on the construction of kindergartens and daycare centers for the future environment(II): application of SW and AI in early childhood education and care
- Comprehensive Measure for Early Screening and Support for Children At Risk for Developmental Disabilities in Early Childhood Education and Care(II): developing a screening tool for parents and methods to support families
- 2023 Longitudinal study of growth and development of Korean children: Panel Study on Korean Children (PSKC)
- Korean Early Childhood Education and Care [ECEC] Panel Study



We conducted childcare policy research in collaboration with government departments, including the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, Ministry of Employment and Labor, and international organizations such as the OECD and UNESCO.

- An analysis of tasks related to kindergartens and childcare centers by region for the unification of management systems
- Financial analysis and transfer measures for consolidating childhood education and care
- Measures to bridge the gap between services in early childhood education and care: with a focus on funding
- A study on calculating standard early childhood education cost
- A research on introducing a childcare support model in rural areas
- Measures for consolidating childhood education and care to realize state-responsible education for infants and children with disabilities
- [Ministry of Health and Welfare] A survey on fulfillment of the obligation to establish workplace child care centers
- [Ministry of Health and Welfare] Operation of a consulting business for the enhancement of the quality of postnatal care center
- [Korean Institute for Healthy Family] Development and operation of curriculum for credential management system for the 2023 Idolbom childcare service
- [Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education & Training] A study on establishing a National Human Resource Development Panel: Korean Early Childhood Education and Care(ECEC) Panel Study
- [Korea Land and Housing Corporation] A Study on the Establishment of Integrated Care Base to Improve Child Care Infrastructure in Public Housing Sites



ECEC Policy Reserch Ecosystem Network

KICEE operates the ECEC Policy Reserch Ecosystem Network consisting of experts from various related organizations such as academic societies, research institutes, governments, ECEC-related organizations, civic groups, and press and semi-public institutions. The network aims to proactively identify policy issues in our key research areas and to establish a cooperative system along with academic societies and relevant organizations.

ECEC Policy Site Network

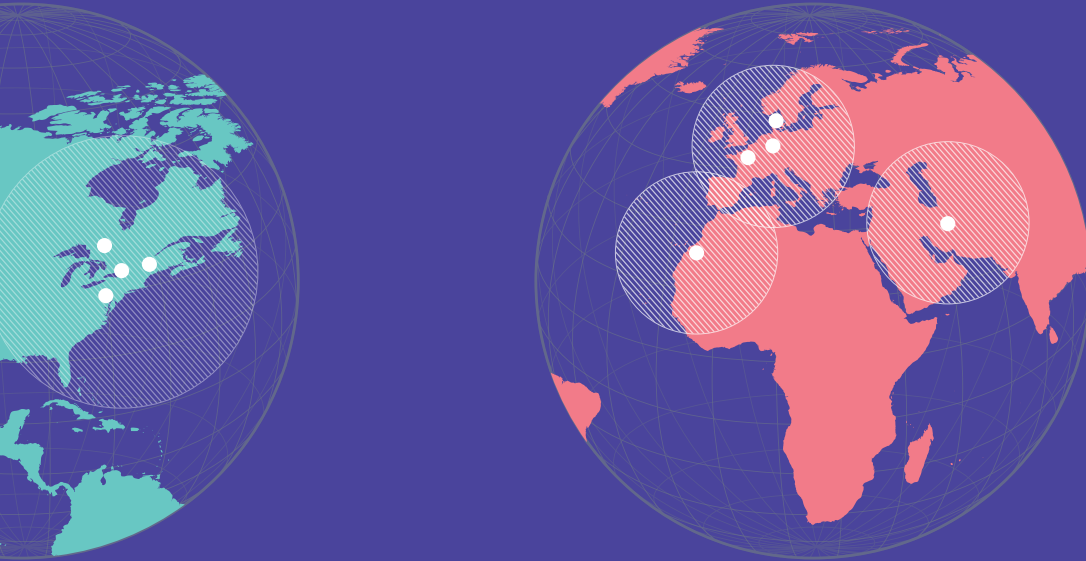
The ECEC Policy Network was established to share opinions on ECEC policy issues and seek convergent solutions. Experts in a diverse range of fields participate in the network.

ECEC Policy Reserch Ecosystem Network

Academic societies	The Korean Society for Early Childhood Education, Korean Association of Child Studies, The Korea Open Association For Early Childhood Education, Korean Association of Childcare & Education, The Korean Society Of Child Welfare, The Korean Family Studies Association, The Korean Society Of Maternal And Child Health, The Korean Society For Early Childhood Education and Care, Korea Child & Family Welfare Association, The Korea Parents Education Association, The Korean Council for Children's Rights, Korean Society for Early Childhood Teacher Education
Research institutes	Korea Development Institute(KDI), Korea Institute for National Unification(KINU), Korea Rural Economic Institute(KREI), Seoul Foundation of Women & Family, Gyeonggi Women & Family Foundation, Korea Research Institute for Local Administration(KRILA), Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs(KIHASA), Korea Women's Development Institute(KWDI), Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements(KRIHS), Science & Technology Policy Institute(STEPI)
Governments	Ministry of Health and Welfare, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, Ministry of Employment and Labor, Presidential Committee on Ageing Society and Population Policy
ECEC-related organizations	Korea Edu-care Association, National Association of Private Kindergarten, The Korean Association of Public Kindergarten Teachers, Directors' Council of Early Childhood Education & Promotion Centers
Civic groups Disabilities	Good Neighbors, National Council of Integrated Childcare Centers for Children with Disabilities, ChildFund Korea
Press	The Women's News, Childcare TV
Semi-public institutions	National Institute for Lifelong Education, Community Media Foundation, Korea Arts & Culture Education Service, Korea Population, Health and Welfare Association, Korean National Commission for UNESCO, Korean Institute for Healthy Family, National Center for the Rights of the Child, Korea Childcare Promotion Institute

ECEC Policy Ecosystem

Central Support Center for Childcare, Korea Association of the Local Support Centers for Childcare, Political Mamas, World Without Worries about Shadow Education, National Center for the Rights of the Child, Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education, Play AT, Freinet school STAR



As the only ECEC policy research institute in Korea, KICCE has made international exchanges on policy research and childcare information through MOUs with various related institutions around the world.

Overseas ECEC policy network

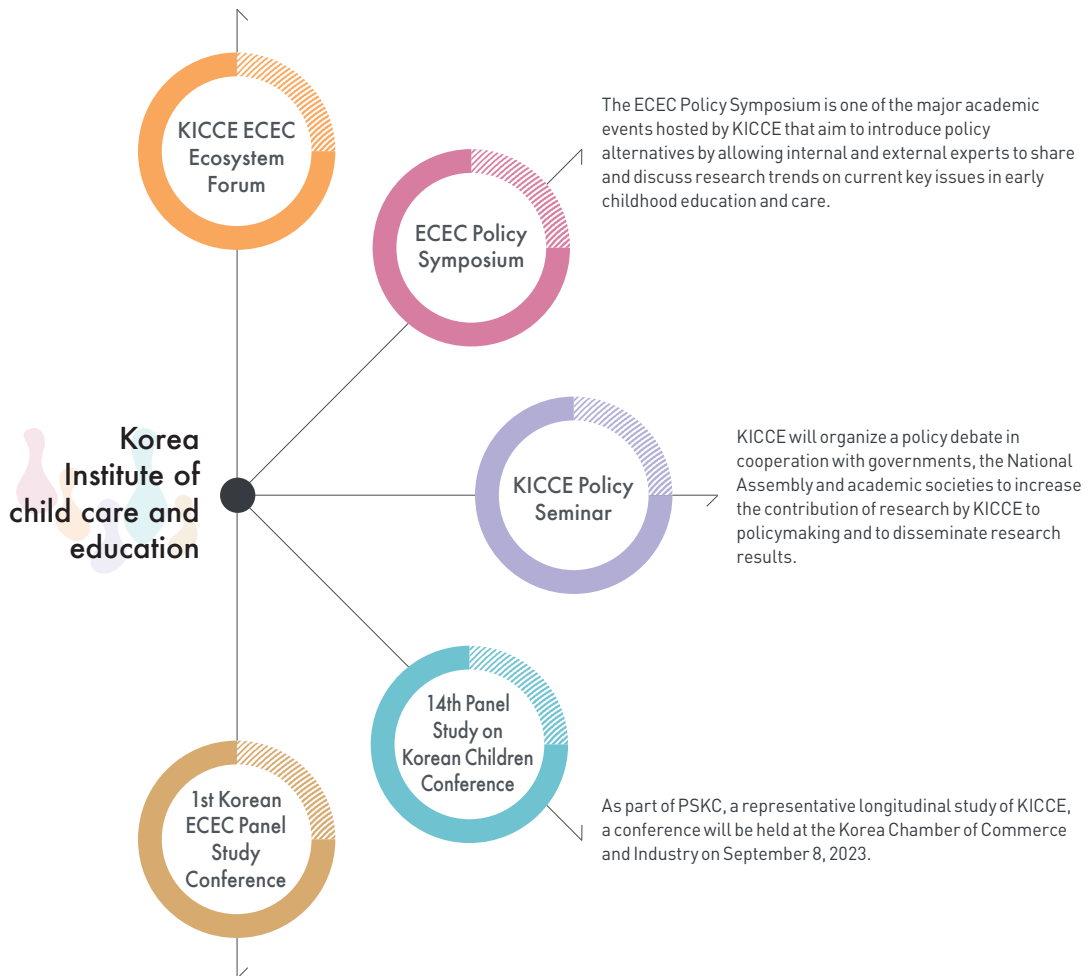
KICCE is actively engaged in international exchanges and academic activities by establishing networks with related institutions and international organizations in various countries.

International organizations	OECD, UNESCO, ICESCO
Government departments	Ministry of Preschool Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Policy research institutes	U.S. National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), CANADA Childcare Resource and Research Unit (CRRU), GERMANY German Youth Institute (DJI), CHINA National Institute for Education Sciences of China (NIES), CHINA Social Security Research Center of China, Renmin University of China, CHINA Institute of Sociology Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SCDRC), JAPAN General Research Institute on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (GRI.CRC), VIETNAM Vietnam Institute of Educational Sciences (VINES)
Academic societies / Associations / Corporations	Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood, LEGO Korea, LEGO Foundation etc.

Major Events in 2023

KICCE holds a variety of academic events to communicate with the public, disseminate research outcomes, and lead ECEC policies domestically and internationally.

The KICCE ECEC Ecosystem Forum aims to proactively identify policy issues in our key research areas and establish a cooperative system along with academic societies and relevant organizations. The forum is composed of experts from various related organizations such as academic societies, research institutes, governments, ECEC-related organizations, civic groups, the press and semi-public institutions. It will be held twice in 2023, once in the first half of 2023 and again in the second half.



KICCE will host its first academic conference on August 25, 2023 at the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry for scholarly exchanges using data from the Korean ECEC Panel Study, a new longitudinal study carried out by the KICCE.

KICCE issues a wide range of publications to disseminate and share its research outcomes.



Research Report

It contains research findings to support reasonable government policies in early childhood education and care. There are major, general, occasional, development reserve and entrusted research projects.



Korean Journal of Child Care and Education Policy

It is the only journal of ECEC policy research in Korea and a journal registered with the National Research Foundation of Korea. It is published three times a year.



International Journal of Child Care and Education Policy(IJCCEP)

This is the SCOPUS-listed international journal about ECEC policies jointly published by KICCE and the National Institute for Early Education Research(NIEER). The published articles are openly accessible online(<https://ijccep.springeropen.com>).



ECEC Policy Brief

It provides analysis and realistic policy suggestions on key issues of ECEC and parenting policies. It is published occasionally and easily accessible to the general public and professionals.



KICCE Policy Brief

The brief is published in English to promote the latest ECEC and parenting policy trends in Korea for foreign professionals and stakeholders.



Issue Paper

It is a policy analysis issue magazine that analyzes the current ECEC policies and parenting and presents policy suggestions.



International Trends and Issues in ECEC policies

The series collects the trends related to ECEC policies in major countries in the world. A total of 29 volumes have been published including Japan(I, II, III), Sweden(I, II), Australia(I, II, III), U.K.(I, II), U.S.(I, II), Canada, Finland(I, II), France, New Zealand, Germany(I, II), Taiwan, Norway(I, II), Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, Denmark, Italy and China.



KICCE Policy Forum on ECEC

It is a quarterly magazine composed of "Policy Focus", which analyzes the current issues related to ECEC policies and "Policy Trends", including domestic and foreign trends of ECEC policies.



Key Statistics for Infants and Children

It is a collection of data and analyses of annual trends based on national statistical data and is published once a year.



Annual Report

It introduces the research results and major activities conducted by the institute during the previous year.



Card News

It is a promotional medium created to share research findings on ECEC policies and child development with the general public in an easier and relatable manner.



Video Report

It is a promotional video created with infographics and materials from policy research reports.



KICCE News Letter

The「e-News Letter」, which distributes various news of KICCE online every month, promotes a research report that is most exposed to the media and introduces the recent publications, press reports, events and overseas ECEC policy trends of the month.

Online Services

KICCE operates various online channels to share useful information.

Webpage | <http://www.kicce.re.kr>

YouTube | <https://url.kr/kicce>

Twitter | <https://twitter.com/KICCE2>

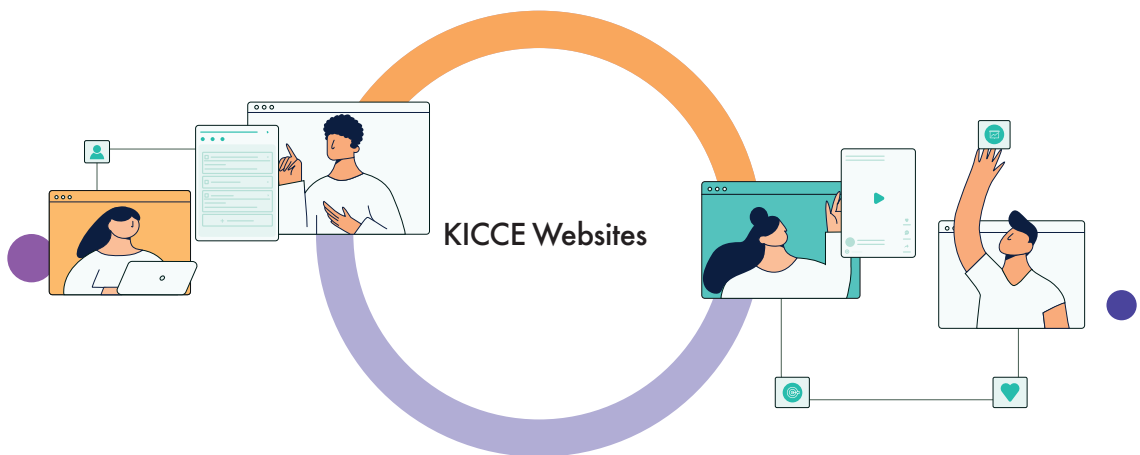
Facebook | <https://www.facebook.com/KICCE1>

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* You may be updated on the latest news of the institute and trends in ECEC policies via SNS.



KICCE Library

<http://lib.kicce.re.kr>

As Korea's only library specializing in the ECEC policy, it holds research publications, related books, and periodicals. Library materials may be searched using the electronic library system.

Korean Journal of Child Care and Education Policy

<https://kicce.jams.or.kr>

The website includes an online thesis submission and screening system for the Korean Journal of Child Care and Education Policy. You can sign up as a member and submit your paper online.

Panel Study on Korean Children (PSKC)

<http://panel.kicce.re.kr>

The PSKC is a longitudinal study on Korean children from birth to later development, which that investigates developmental needs, parents' psychological traits, child-rearing status and child-rearing support's functions and effects at each developmental stage. Panel data can be downloaded free of charge from the website.

KICCE Repository (Researcher Page)

<https://repo.kicce.re.kr/>

KICCE collects the results of research tasks, offers them online, and has established a researcher page for information on the achievements of the respective researchers.

International Journal of Child Care and Education Policy

<https://ijccep.springeropen.com>

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Korean ECEC Panel Study

<https://panel.kicce.re.kr/kececp/index.do>

The Korean ECEC Panel Study is a study that continuously tracks the growth and development of children from the fetal stage through elementary school in the context of dynamic relations with the complex and multifaceted environments that surround children and their families.

