

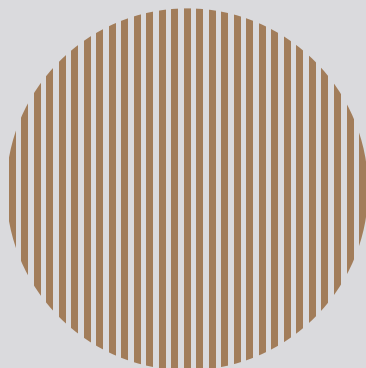
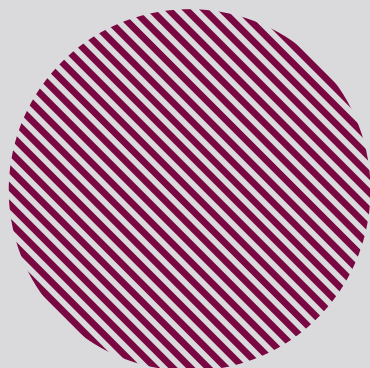


KOREA INSTITUTE OF CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION

KICCE is shaping a promising future
for children by redesigning policies
based on scientific research.

A New Chapter for KICCE, HOP 2025

HOPE,
OPPORTUNITY,
POSSIBILITY



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For the past two decades, the Korea Institute of Child Care and Education (KICCE) has been dedicated to improving child-rearing environments through continuous policy research, while actively listening to the needs and perspectives of young children, families, and those working directly in education and childcare. Today, as society confronts rapid changes in birth rates and parenting environments, we remain steadfastly committed to addressing the ultra-low birth rate and laying the foundation for every child to grow up healthy and realize their full potential.

Over the years, KICCE has closely examined the evolving landscape of childrearing—shaped by demographic shifts, widening care gaps, and digital transformation—and has consistently developed forward-looking policies to proactively respond to these changes. We have proposed effective solutions across a range of areas, including the integration of early childhood education and care, strengthening life-cycle-based support, and reinforcing the infrastructure needed to address low birth rates. In addition, we are working to enhance the credibility of policies and foster public trust by redesigning policies based on scientific evidence, creating spaces for public dialogue, and expanding the dissemination of related content. Through research that combines practical relevance with commitment to the public good, and through active international cooperation, we are also contributing to the global advancement of parenting and childcare policy.

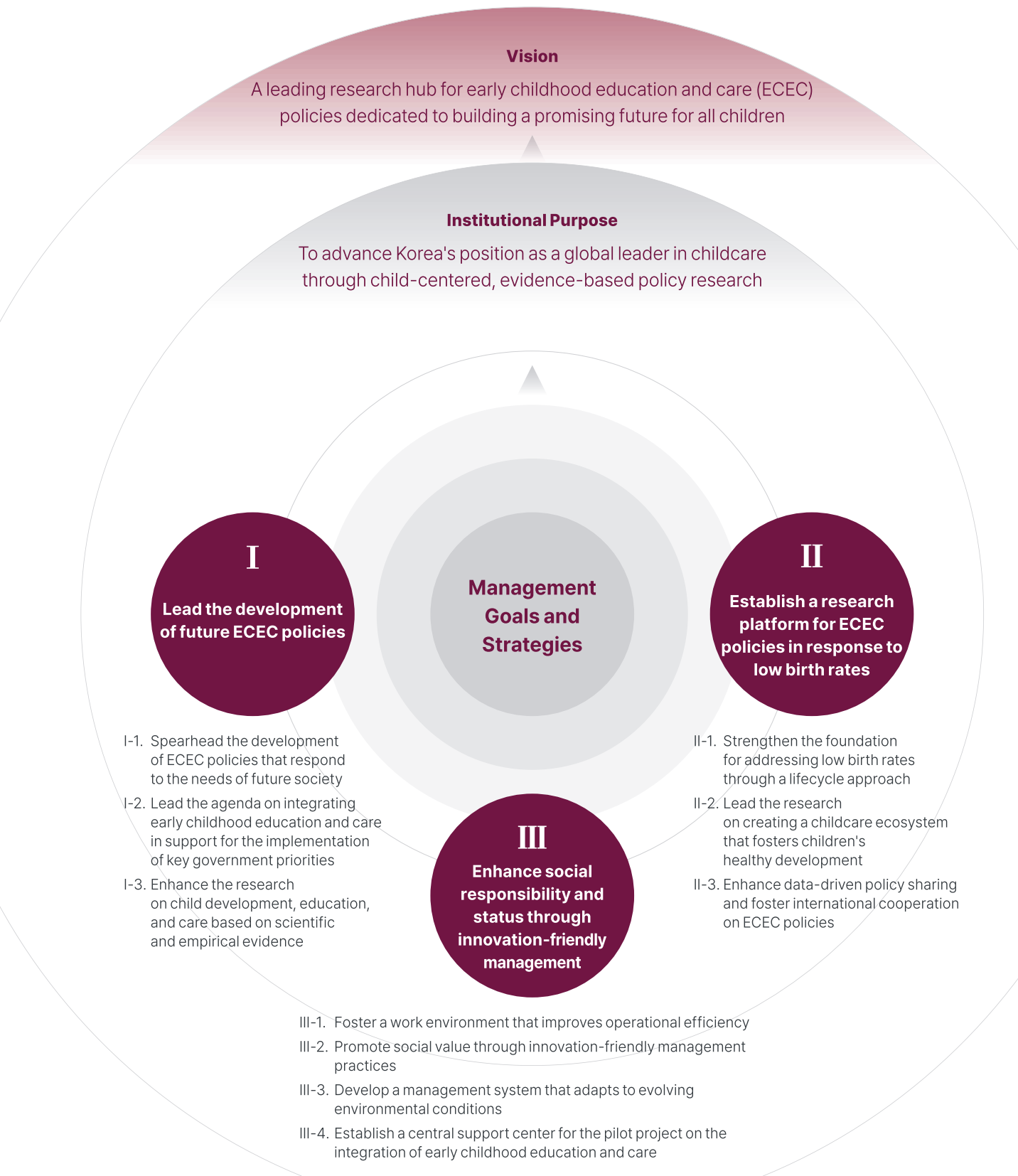
In 2025, as we reach our 20th year, KICCE is poised to make a significant leap forward, guided by our core values, HOP—Hope, Opportunity, and Possibility. We will continue to bring together our collective wisdom and capabilities to build a society that supports child well-being and enables every child to pursue a bright and promising future.

President of Korea Institute of Child Care and Education Hwang, Ock Kyeong

Vision and Mission 2024~2027

**KICCE will carefully consider policies
for a promising future for all children.**





History

The following is the timeline of KICCE history its establishment in 2005.
Today, KICCE continues to work toward changes in early childhood education and care policies.

2005

- 08. 17.** Establishment and administration policy for KICCE set at the government policy coordination meeting(the 118th meeting presided over by the Prime Minister)
- 09. 30.** Signing of MOU's for the establishment and administration of KICCE(with Korean Educational Development Institute, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs and Cooperative Center of Korean Women's Development Institute)
- 11. 09.** Inauguration of the first president, Dr. Ok Lee
- 12. 26.** Opening ceremony of KICCE
- 12. 28.** Commissioned as the Childcare Faculty Accreditation Office by the Ministry of Health and Welfare

2006

- 12. 28.** Commissioned as the Childcare Teacher Certificate Management Office by the Ministry of Health and Welfare

2008

- 01. 01.** Initiation of the Panel Study on Korean Children(PSKC)
- 09. 05.** Affiliated institutes modified as Korea Education Development Institute and Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs based on the amended management regulations
- 10. 31.** Inauguration of the second president, Dr. Bok-hee Cho

2009

- 03. 04.** Entrusted with the operation of the Childcare Center Safety and Insurance Association by the Ministry for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs
- 10. 27.** Termination of the operation entrusted by the Ministry for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs for the Childcare Center Safety and Insurance Association
- 12. 30.** Two office duties entrusted by the Ministry of Health and Welfare ended

2010

- 01. 26.** Commissioned as ECEC Advancement Support Task Force Team by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

2011

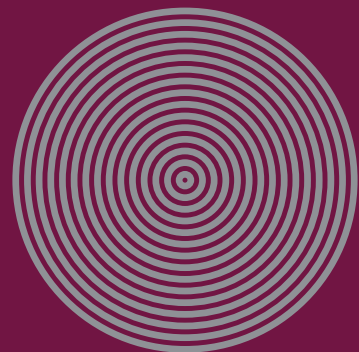
- 10. 31.** Inauguration of the third president, Dr. Young Lee

2012

- 08. 10.** MOU signed with National Institute for Early Education Research(NIEER)

2014

- 10. 31.** Inauguration of the fourth president, Dr. Nam-hee Woo



2015

- 02. 04.** Relocation to Diplomatic Center
- 12. 02.** Designated as an OECD ECEC Network Research Institute
- 12. 04.** The 6th PSKC Academic Conference for the 10th Anniversary of KICCE

2016

- 11. 24.** MOU signed with German Youth Institute(DJI)

2017

- 11. 23.** MOU signed with the Ministry of Preschool Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- 12. 08.** Inauguration of the fifth president, Dr. Sun-hee Baek

2018

- 04. 02.** Concluded a business agreement between UNESCO Bangkok and KICCE
- 12.** 'International Journal of Child Care and Education Policy' listed on SCOPUS

2019

- 01. 11.** 'PSKC' survey data opened as Open Government Data
- 12. 23.** Relocation to Post Tower, Myeong-dong

2020

- 11. 06.** The 15th Anniversary of KICCE

2021

- 01. 19.** Inauguration of the sixth president, Dr. Sang Hee Park
- 02. 19.** Launched the Data research center
- 12. 16.** Renewed business agreement with the Ministry of Preschool Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan

2022

- 05. 03.** Hosted the Academic Event in Celebration of the 100th anniversary of Children's Day
- 10. 04.** MOU signed with LEGO Korea and the LEGO Foundation

2023

- 02. 23.** MOU signed with Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO)
- 03. 07.** Launched Task Force for the Integration of ECEC

2024

- 01. 26.** Launched the Post-natal care service consulting center
- 05. 09.** Inauguration of the seventh president, Dr. Ock Kyeung Hwang
- 10. 29.** Hosted the LEGO-KICCE Roundtable: Skills for the 21st Century – the Value of Creative Play






2025

- 02. 10.** Launched the Central Support Task Force for ECEC Integration Pilot Project

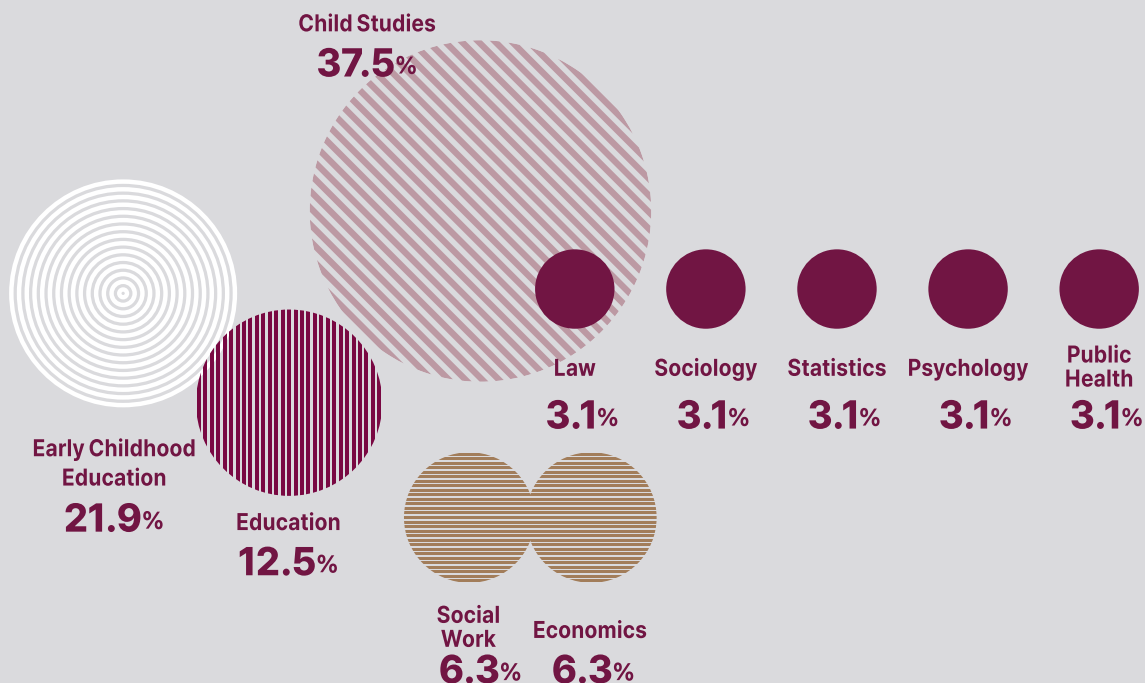
Organization and Operational Status

KICCE envisions a nurturing and productive future for children,
aspiring to create a world where every child can thrive in happiness.

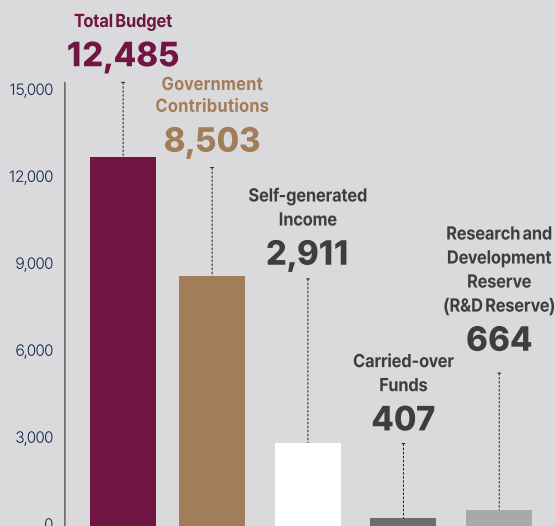
Personnel (as of May 2025)

Senior Research Fellow	 10
Research Fellow	 14
Associate Research Fellow	 8
Principal Researcher	 10
Researcher	 5
Contracted Researcher	 11
Lead Administrative Staff	 5
Senior Administrative Staff	 6
Administrative Staff	 6

Field of Expertise



2025 Budget (million KRW)



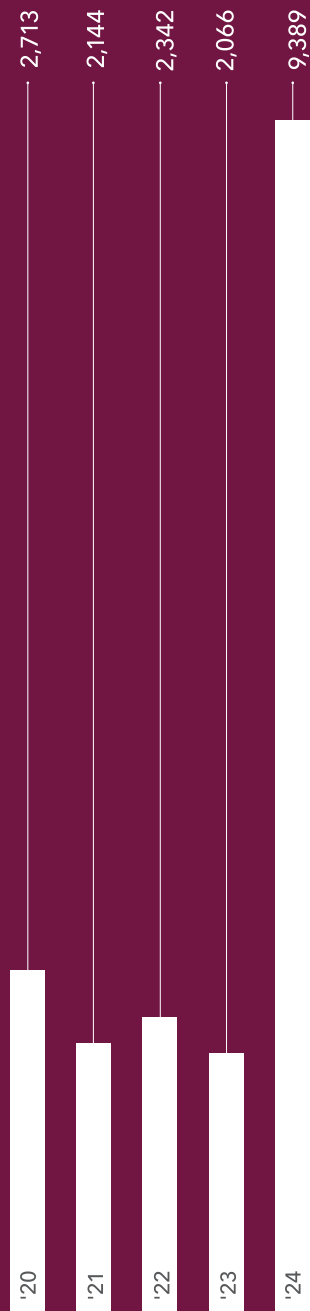
Number of Research Projects (2006-2025)



A Snapshot of KICCE in Numbers

HOP: Highlight of the Performance

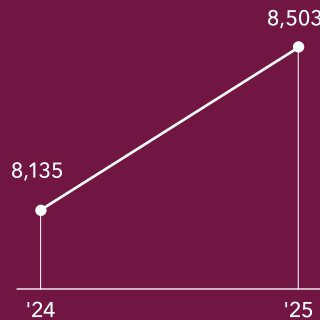
Budget



Revenue from Commissioned Projects
(Last 5 years, Unit: million KRW)

Government Contribution Budget (Unit: million KRW)

+4.5%



2024 Research Budget (Unit: thousand KRW)

17,374,806

Major 644,600	General 2,056,933	Occasional 101,619	R&D Reserve 30,000	Commissioned 14,541,654
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Research

Research Projects in 2024

(Excludes the projects carried over from the previous year)

46

Researchers Participating in 2024

Internal Researchers 55

External Individuals 78

External Institutions 111

Survey Respondents in 2024

(Across major, general, and occasional surveys)

Individuals 19,435

Households 5,823

Institutions 848

Research Consultations Received in 2024

664

Client Satisfaction Rating

4.4 out of 5

126

29

467,471

Publications in 2024

Research Reports / 35
YouTube Shorts / 47
Card News / 6
Policy Briefs / 14
Seminar & Public Hearing
Materials / 24

Academic Papers Published in 2024

Korean Journal of Child Care
and Education Policy (KCEP) / 17
International Journal of Child Care and
Education Policy (ICEP) / 12

Impact Factors of KICCE Journals

KCEP (KCI 5-year Impact Factor) / 1.85
ICEP (2023 Journal Impact Factor) / 2.0

**KICCE Repository
Activity in 2024**

Datasets Registered / 148
Downloads / 467,323

3.3%

Research Institutions 532

3.4%

Private Sector
(Field, Corporates, Medical) 557

1.7%

Government / Local Gov. /
Public Orgs / Int'l Orgs 275

16.4%

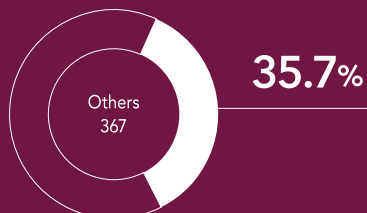
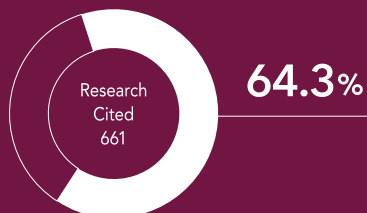
Others 2,671

16,284

PSKC & Korean ECEC Panel
Data Provided in 2024

75.2%

Universities 12,249

Outreach & Engagement**Media Coverage in 2024**

1,028 articles

External Events Hosted in 2024

28 events, 2,330 participants

**International Childcare Policy
Digest Released in 2024**

138 issues

e-Newsletter Subscribers

3,352

New MOUs Signed in 2024

4 institutions

SNS Engagement in 2024

97K Views

+220

Instagram Followers



'23

1,890

'24

2,110

53.5K Views

+316

YouTube Subscribers



'23

3,029

'24

3,345

Key Research Areas

KICCE spearheads the development of future early childhood education and care (ECEC) policies through child-centered, evidence-based policy research, while serving as a research platform for ECEC policies aimed at addressing low birth rates from a life-cycle perspective.

KICCE leads the development of forward-looking childcare policies that address the evolving needs of future society.

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We propose evidence-based policy solutions to tackle emerging challenges amid rapid future changes, such as population decline and regional extinction.

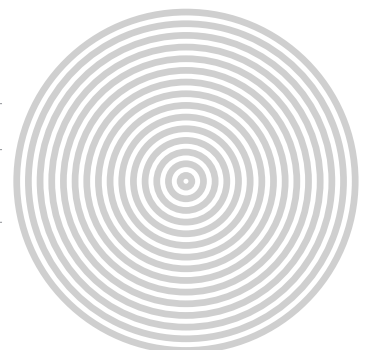
- Recommendations of the Child-rearing Policy to Respond to the Demographic Changes: Focusing on an International Comparison of Immigration Policies
- Key Recommendations for Providing Optimal Education and Childcare in the Era of ECEC Integration
- [National Research Council for Economics, Humanities, and Social Sciences] Policy Agenda Analysis and Reform Strategies for ECEC in Response to Demographic and Social Changes

We propose medium- to long-term development policies that support the healthy growth and development of infants and young children, while promoting innovation in early childhood education and care.

- Strategies for Health Promotion to Improve Health Equity in Early Childhood
- Comprehensive Measures for Early Screening and Support for Children at Risk for Developmental Disabilities in ECEC (IV): Pilot Implementation of an Integrated Support System Model

We advance the development of innovative ECEC policies that respond to the rapidly-changing digital and AI landscape in the childcare sector.

- A Study on the Future Agendas for Child-centered AI Technologies
- [Samsung Welfare Foundation] Development of a Developmental Support Platform for Infants and Young Children



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KICCE formulates policies for the successful integration of early childhood education and care.



We support the implementation of government initiatives aimed at creating a safe, high-quality caregiving environment and promoting a government-led education accountability system, while also conducting research on strategies for the establishment and implementation of integrated early childhood education and care.

- Establishing an Integrated Data System for ECEC
- A Study on the Legal Framework Improvements and Enactment of an Integrated Act for ECEC
- Policy Performance and Recommendations of ECEC (III): Focusing on the Outcome Evaluation of the ECEC Policy Plan
- [Ministry of Education] A Study for Developing Operational Guidelines Following the Integration of ECEC

We support field-based research to improve the quality of early childhood education and care, as well as policy projects designed to ensure the successful integration of early childhood education and care.

- [Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education] 2024 Follow-up Project to Develop a Standard Childcare Curriculum (Ages 0–2 years)
- [17 Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education] Implementation Support Study for the 2024 Pilot Program on the Integration of ECEC
- [Daejeon Metropolitan Office of Education] Operation of the Kindergarten After-School Support Center
- [17 Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education] 2025 Nuri Curriculum Portal Operation Project
- [Incheon Metropolitan City Office of Education] 2025 Management and Monitoring of Region-based Innovation Support Projects for ECEC



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KICCE conducts research to promote a happier life for children and families.

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We study the importance of early childhood and propose caregiving environments and policies that foster a child-friendly society.
We support the creation of beneficiary-centered, supportive childcare environments to promote the healthy growth of children.

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- Strategies for Improving the Support System for Home-based Childcare Services in Response to the Policy Changes
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- Improving the Effectiveness of Work-family Balance Policies according to the Company Characteristics: Focusing on Childcare-friendly Governance
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We assess the direction of marriage and family policies by examining values and perceptions related to marriage and family, subsequently restructuring policies as needed.
We also develop policies to establish a foundation for a support system that promotes healthy pregnancy and childbirth.

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- [Ministry of Health and Welfare] A Study on the Improvement Measures Related to the Maternal and Newborn Health Care Support Program
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- [Ministry of Health and Welfare] 2025 Evaluation and Consulting Program for Postnatal Care Centers
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KICCE supports the growth and development of Korean children through data-driven research.

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We provide a platform that promotes open access to and utilization of public data on the early years by conducting longitudinal panel studies that collect data on the education, care, growth, and development of Korean children.

- 2025 Longitudinal Study of Growth and Development of Korean Children: Panel Study on Korean Children (PSKC)
- Korean Early Childhood Education and Care Panel Study 2025

We continuously collect and analyze data to establish an integrated data system for infants and young children in the future.

- A Study of Childrearing Costs and Demand for Childcare Services (KICCE Spending Survey 2025)
- A Study on the Tracking of the Development of Covid19-Generation Children(II)
- [Ministry of Gender Equality and Family] 2025 Status Survey on the Idolbom (Childcare) Service

KICCE shares domestic and international research outcomes through active global exchanges and strengthens the framework for international research cooperation.

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We explore global common issues such as low birth rates and the integration of early childhood education and care by sharing domestic and international research outcomes, and reinforce research collaboration through continuous engagement with international organizations.

- Developing and Implementing an International Knowledge-sharing Model for Maternal and Child Health
- [Jeju Special Self-Governing Provincial Office of Education] A Study on the Second Cycle of the OECD International Early Learning and Child Well-being Study (IELS)
- [Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs] A Study on International Parental Leave System

Domestic Partners

As Korea's leading ECEC policy research institute, KICCE is strengthening its collaboration with various government ministries, public institutions, related public organizations, and the private sector to support the healthy growth and development of infants and young children. Through active research, educational cooperation, and collaborative exchanges, KICCE contributes to the improvement and advancement of ECEC policies, while promoting the qualitative enhancement of early childhood education and care.

Domestic ECEC policy network

Public institutions	Childcare Center Safety & Insurance Association
	Community Media Foundation
	Korea Arts & Culture Education Service
	Korea Foundation for Science and Creativity
	Korea Human Resource Development Institute for Health & Welfare
	Korea Press Foundation
	Korea Research Institute for Local Administration
	National Center for the Rights of the Child
	National Institute for Lifelong Education
	Overseas Koreans Cooperation Center
Private sector organizations	ChildFund Korea
	Good Neighbors
	Hana Financial Group
	Korea Childcare Broadcasting
	Korean Children's Hospital Association
	Korean Pediatric Society
	Korea Population, Health and Welfare Association
	Korean Society of Maternal and Child Health
	Korean Society of Pediatric Behavior and Development Medicine
	LEGO Korea
	LG Uplus
	Okedongmu
	Samsung Welfare Foundation
Government ministries	Ministry of Education
	17 Metropolitan and Provincial Offices of Education
Affiliated public organizations	Korean National Commission for UNESCO

International Partners

As the exclusive ECEC policy research institute in Korea, KICCE has built a global network by signing MOUs with relevant institutions and international organizations worldwide, facilitating the exchange of information on policies, systems, and emerging research trends. KICCE continues to enhance international collaboration while broadening its academic activities and policy engagement.

International organizations	OECD, UNESCO Bangkok, Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO)
Government ministries	UZBEKISTAN Ministry of preschool and school education
Policy research institutes	The US 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), VIET NAM National Institute of Educational Sciences (VNIES)
Academic societies and associations, Private sector organizations, etc.	Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC), LEGO, LEGO Foundation

Publications

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

Research Report

It contains research findings that support sound government policies in early childhood education and care. The research is categorized into major, general, occasional, research and development reserve and entrusted research projects.



Project Report Abstracts

It is a collection of English abstracts from major research projects conducted in the previous year, highlighting key findings and policy implications from each study.



Korean Journal of Child Care and Education Policy

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



KICCE Policy Forum on ECEC

It is a quarterly magazine consisting of 'Policy Focus,' which analyzes current issues related to ECEC policies, and 'Policy Trends,' which covers both domestic and international ECEC policies trends.



International Journal of Child Care and Education Policy

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



Key Statistics for Infants and Children

It is an annual publication that compiles data and analyzes trends based on government statistics.



ECEC Policy Brief

It offers analysis and practical policy recommendations on key issues related to ECEC and parenting policies. The publication is released periodically and is easily accessible to both the general public and professionals.



Annual Report

It highlights KICCE's research findings and major activities from the previous year.



KICCE Policy Brief

This English brief shares the latest ECEC and parenting policy trends in Korea with foreign professionals and stakeholders.



Card News

It is a promotional platform designed to share research findings on ECEC policies and child development with the general public in an accessible and relatable manners.



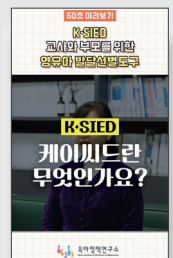
Issue Paper

It is a policy analysis magazine that reviews current ECEC and parenting policies and offers policy recommendations.



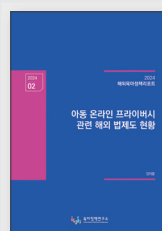
Video Reports and Shorts

These promotional videos offer concise summaries of published policy research reports, using infographics and video content to deliver clear and engaging presentations.



International Childcare Policy Report

This report provides an in-depth analysis of international childcare policy cases and offers policy implications for potential adoption in Korea.



KICCE e-News Letter

The 'e-News Letter', distributed online monthly, shares various news from KICCE, promotes the most media-exposed research reports, and highlights recent publications, press coverage, events, and international ECEC policy trends of the month.



Online Services

KICCE operates a variety of online platforms to share valuable information.

KICCE Websites

Webpage | <https://kicce.re.kr>

Instagram | <https://www.instagram.com/kicce.re.kr>

Facebook | <https://www.facebook.com/KICCE2>

YouTube | https://www.youtube.com/@_kicce2783

Blog | <https://blog.naver.com/kicce1st>

* You can stay updated on the latest news from the institute and the trends in ECEC policies through our social media channels.



KICCE Library

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

It is Korea's only library specializing in ECEC policy, housing research publications, related books, and periodicals. Library materials can be searched through the electronic library system.

Korean Journal of Child Care and Education Policy

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

The website features an online thesis submission and review system for the 'Korean Journal of Child Care and Education Policy'. You can register as a member and submit your paper online.

Panel Study on Korean Children (PSKC)

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

PSKC is a longitudinal study on Korean children, tracking their development from birth onward. It examines developmental needs, parents' psychological traits, child-rearing conditions, and the functions and effects on child-rearing support at each developmental stage. You can download the panel data free of charge from the website.

KICCE Repository

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

KICCE collects research outcomes and makes them available online, and has established individual researcher page to provide information and showcase the achievements of each researchers.

International Journal of Child Care and Education Policy

<https://ijccp.springeropen.com>

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Korean ECEC Panel Study

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

The Korean ECEC Panel Study is a longitudinal study that continuously tracks the growth and development of children from the prenatal stage through elementary school, focusing on their dynamic interactions with the complex, multifaceted environments surrounding them and their families.



