

children's creative project

since 1974

Mission Statement

The Children's Creative Project is a unique non-profit arts education organization that brings together young people and professional artists. This special interaction enables children to develop artistic perception, creative expression, aesthetic valuing and an understanding of artists, the creative process and historical and cultural arts heritage. The Children's Creative Project is dedicated to the following:

- To provide arts experiences for children not normally exposed to the arts
- To include the visual and performing arts as an in-depth and comprehensive component of a child's basic education
- To expand work opportunities for professional artists in the schools
- To develop funds to support arts education programs

At its inception in 1972, the Children's Creative Project volunteer artists served 200 children at Franklin Elementary School in Santa Barbara. Today, the Project reaches nearly 50,000 children annually in more than 100 Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo county schools with resident artist workshops and performances by professional touring artists. Incorporated in 1974, the CCP is a program of the Santa Barbara Education Office.

Santa Barbara County Education Office

The Santa Barbara County Education Office is an intermediate agency between the California State Department of Education and the 23 school districts and two community colleges located within the county. The office provides a wide range of services to those districts and to 50,000 special-population students. William J. Cirone has served as county superintendent since 1982.