

BANANAS HANDOUT

Subsidized Child Care Handout Northern Alameda County

(State budget cuts may result in reductions to the funding for child care programs.
The information on programs in this handout is subject to change.)

Need help paying for child care?

If you do, you're looking for "subsidized" child care. This handout will assist you in your search. There are a variety of child care programs in Alameda County to help low-income parents. It's important for you to start your search early to find a subsidized program for your child because there are more families who need help than there is money to pay for it.

Who funds subsidized child care?

The California Department of Education (CDE) administers most of the child care funds in California. Some local governments, corporations and foundations also provide funds to serve children from low-income families.

Who operates subsidized programs?

Programs are run by a wide variety of institutions – nonprofit, for-profit organizations, churches, school districts, local governments, etc.

What types of programs are available?

Alternative Payment (AP) Programs

These programs do not provide the actual child care. Instead, they reimburse the provider for the child care of eligible families in licensed family child care homes, centers or license-exempt child care situations. The parent chooses the child care option. Then the AP program signs an agreement with the parent and provider and reimburses the provider directly. AP programs serve specific geographic areas.

CalWORKs (Welfare to Work) Programs: Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3:

These programs serve parents receiving cash aid (TANF). Parents who have worked their way off cash aid but are still low-income may also be eligible. They are funded by both the state and federal government. New CalWORKs cash aid recipients go through a CalWORKs orientation. During the first few months after they attend this orientation, the child care (chosen by the parent) is paid for by a Stage 1 alternative payment (AP) program. Once the CalWORKs parents are no longer receiving cash aid for themselves, they are transferred to a Stage 2 AP program. Parents remain in Stage 2 until 24 months after they last received cash aid. At that point they are

transferred to a Stage 3 program. This is a closed process and only parents on CalWORKs are eligible for any of these programs.

To find out if you are eligible for CalWORKs call 510-263-2420. If you are currently receiving cash aid (not just your child listed on the grant) then call Child Care Links to apply for Stage 1 at 510-568-0306.

If you are **not** eligible for CalWORKs, you will need to apply at each individual AP program. In order to qualify for subsidized care through these programs your family income must be below a certain level set by CDE based on your family size and gross monthly income. See the California Schedule of Income Ceilings chart below to determine whether you are eligible. For most state-funded programs parents must be working, looking for work, going to school, in training, or incapacitated.

California 2017 Schedule of Income Ceilings (Subject to Change)

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income	Yearly Income
1-2	\$3,283	\$39,396
3	\$3,518	\$42,216
4	\$3,908	\$46,896
5	\$4,534	\$54,408
6	\$5,159	\$61,908
7	\$5,276	\$63,312
8	\$5,394	\$64,728
9	\$5,511	\$66,132
10	\$5,628	\$67,536

Note: The following is a partial list of income types that will count toward your total household income:

- Wages/salaries
- Child support, spousal support
- Disability insurance payments
- Pensions or annuities
- Cash aid (TANF or CalWORKs)
- Self-employment income
- Worker's compensation
- Unemployment
- Veteran's benefits

Northern Alameda County Alternative Payment (AP) Programs

4C's of Alameda County

8105 Edgewater Dr, #270, Oakland, 94621, 383-3582 x 0
Vendor program for Oakland residents only. Also operates CAPP and CalWORKs Stage 2 & 3 programs serving children 0 - 12 years.

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5232 Claremont Ave, Oakland, 94618, 658-7353
State and federal programs serving children 0 - 12 years in Oakland, Berkeley, Albany, Alameda, Emeryville, and Piedmont. Also operates CalWORKs Stage 2 & 3 programs serving children 0 - 12 years.

Davis Street Family Resource Center

3081 Teagarden St, San Leandro, 94577, 347-4620 x 233 or 145
Operates CAPP and CalWORKs Stage 2 & 3 programs serving children 0 - 12 years in San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Ashland, and Berkeley/Albany.

Child Development Centers (CDC)

General child care and development programs are state and federally funded programs that use centers operated or administered by either public or private agencies and local educational agencies. These agencies provide child development services for children from birth through 12 years of age (and older children who have exceptional needs). However, there are very few child care centers that serve infants. Most serve children beginning at age three. These programs generally offer full-day, full-year care.

State Preschool (or Pre-K)

Part-day comprehensive developmental programs for three- to five-year-old children from low-income families. State Preschool programs do not require the parent to be working, looking for work, in training, incapacitated or going to school in order to qualify.

Special Note:

Every licensed child care program is required to provide parents with information on its licensing history, including complaints substantiated by the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD). Feel free to ask for licensing documents. You can also contact the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) for information about licensed programs at 1-844-538-8766.

Alameda

Woodstock CDC

500 Pacific Ave, 94501, 748-4001
18 months – 5th grade

Albany

Albany Children's Center

720 Jackson St, 94706, 559-6590
2 years, 9 months – 3rd grade

Berkeley

Berkeley Unified School District

BUSD operates several child development centers (CDC), extended day, and afterschool learning programs. For enrollment information call the site.

CDCs

Full-day, full-year programs and ½-day school year programs.

Hopkins

1810 Hopkins St, 94707, 644-8939

King

1939 Ward St, 94710, 644-6358

Preschools (3-5 year olds)

Full-day, full-year programs and ½-day school year programs.

Franklin

1460 8th St, 94710, 644-6339

BEARS (K-5th grade)

Before and afterschool, full-year programs.

Berkeley Arts Magnet

1645 Milvia St, 94709, 644-7770

Jefferson

1400 Ada St, 94702, 644-8939

John Muir

2955 Claremont Ave, 94705, 644-8938

Le Conte

2241 Russell St, 94705, 644-8938

Malcom X

1731 Prince St, 94703, 644-8938

Rosa Parks

920 Allston Way, 94710, 644-6339

Washington

2300 MLK Jr. Way, 94704, 644-8938

LEARNS (K-5th grade)

Afterschool, school year only programs.

Berkeley Arts Magnet

2015 Virginia St, 94709, 644-8625

Cragmont

830 Regal Rd, 94708, 644-4892

Emerson

2800 Forest Ave, 94705, 883-5247

John Muir

2955 Claremont Ave, 94705, 883-6141

LeConte

2241 Russell St, 94705, 883-5244

Malcolm X

1731 Prince St, 94703, 883-6149

Oxford

1130 Oxford St, 94707, 644-8883

Rosa Parks

920 Allston Way, 94710, 883-5228

Thousand Oaks

840 Colusa Ave, 94707, 883-6145

Washington

2300 MLK Jr. Way, 94704, 644-6939

Berkeley**(Centers not associated with BUSD)****BAHIA/Centro Vida**

1000 Camelia St, 94710, 525-1463

2 – 10 years

Ephesian Children's Center

1907 Harmon St, 94703, 653-2984

3 – 12 years

University of California Berkeley

(Designed for students/faculty/staff.)

2339 Haste St, 94720, 642-1827

3 months – 5 years, 11 months

Emeryville**City of Emeryville CDC**

1220 53rd St, 94608, 596-4343

3 – 5 years

Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)

The following types of centers are run by OUSD.

- **CDC (3 - 5 year olds) Child Development Centers** are full-day, full-year programs.
- **Pre-K (3 - 4.9 year olds) State Preschools** are ½-day, school year programs.
- **SA (K - 12 year olds) Schoolage Programs** are full-year and provide before and/or afterschool care.

For enrollment information at OUSD call 273-1590 or go to 746 Grand Ave, Room A.

Oakland centers not associated with OUSD**24 Hour Oakland Parent-Teacher**

4700 International Blvd., 94601, 534-6030

2 – 5 years

ALA Costa/Oakland site**(Only for children/young adults with disabilities.)**

3390 Malcolm Ave, 94605, 383-3200

5 – 22 years

Building Blocks Therapeutic Preschool (day treatment

program for children with behavioral and emotional challenges)

2370 Grande Vista Pl, 94601, 434-7990

2 years, 10 months– 5 years

Laney Community College (mostly designed for

students/runs on semester years; may have openings for community)

900 Fallon St, 94607, 464-3575

3 – 5 years

Merritt College Child Care Center (mostly designed for

students/runs on semesters; may have openings for community)

12500 Campus Dr, 94619, 436-2436

3 – 5 years

Salvation Army - Booth Memorial

2794 Garden St, 94601, 535-5088

18 months – 5 years

Supporting Future Growth

5909 Camden St, 94605, 567-8362

18 months – 4 years, 9 months

St. Mary's Preschool (PT only)

3208 San Pablo Ave, 94608, 595-4030

3 – 5 years

St. Vincent's Day Home1086 8th St, 94607, 832-8324

2 – 5 years

Therapeutic Nursery School

(for children with behavioral and emotional challenges)

3408 MLK Jr. Way, 94703, 655-4896

2 – 6 years

YMCA of the East Bay756 21st St, 9612, 272-0669

18 months – 5 years

The State has set the County of Alameda income eligibility levels for center-based programs as follows:

Alameda County Pilot Program Income Ceilings

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income	Yearly Income
1-2	\$3,839	\$46,068
3	\$4,742	\$56,904
4	\$5,646	\$67,752
5	\$6,549	\$78,588
6	\$7,462	\$89,544
7	\$7,621	\$91,452
8	\$7,791	\$93,492

Northern Alameda County Head Start & Early Head Start Programs

The rules for these programs are different from other programs serving low-income families. Head Start (3-5 year olds) and Early Head Start (0-3 year olds) programs receive **federal funding**. Contact the Head Start programs for eligibility information and see the Annual Income Chart below. Most of these programs offer **part-day sessions** and operate only during the public school year. They are either free or low-cost, and parent participation is usually required.

**Head Start/Early Head Start
2015 Federal Annual Income Ceilings**

Persons in Family	Income
1	\$11,880
2	\$16,020
3	\$20,160
4	\$24,300
5	\$28,440
6	\$32,580
7	\$36,730
8	\$40,890
For each additional person, add	\$4,160

Alameda Family Services

(Serves Alameda residents)

2325 Clement Ave, Alameda 94501, 629-6350

Head Start: 4 centers, 1/2- and 3/4-day programs

Early Head Start: 3 centers, 3/4-day programs

City of Oakland Head Start

(Serves Oakland residents)

150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Ste 5352, Oakland, 94501, 238-3165

Head Start: 16 centers and 5 family child care providers, 1/2- and full-day programs

Early Head Start: 2 centers, full-day programs

Through the Looking Glass

(Serves Oakland residents)

3075 Adeline St, Berkeley, 94703, 848-1112

Early Head Start: 1 center, 3/4-day program

Unity Council

(Serves Oakland residents)

1900 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, 94601

Head Start: 2 centers, 1/2-day programs, 535-6106

Early Head Start: 3 centers, 1/2-day programs, 553-9926

YMCA of the Central Bay Area

(Serves Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville residents)

2009 10th St, Berkeley, 94710, 848-9092

Head Start: 4 centers, 1/2- and full-day programs

Early Head Start: 5 centers, 1/2- and full-day programs

Teen Parenting Programs

The programs listed below provide free child care for enrolled teen parents who are working toward their high school diploma or GED.

Cal-Learn: For teens who are eligible for CalWORKs (usually through their parents' grant). Teens can be referred through Brighter Beginnings, 437-8950.

Cal-SAFE Programs: Serves teens in their respective school districts:

Berkeley Unified School District:

Vera Casey Center

(Serving Albany, Berkeley, and Emeryville residents)

2246 MLK Jr. Way, Berkeley, 94704, 549-3063

Oakland Unified School District:

Operated through Alameda County

Office of Education

Available at different locations, contact Carolyn Hobbs

2111 International Blvd, Oakland, 94601, 670-7683