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 who are receiving or have received cash aid (TANF). 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 for an AP program. In order to qualify, 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.

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**Alameda County 2018 Pilot Program Income Ceilings**

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**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.

BANANAS
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
3 years – 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, 644-8938

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
2 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) School age Programs are full-year and provide before and/or afterschool care.

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

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

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

Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) (continued)

- 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 Home
  1086 8th St, 94607, 832-8324
  2 – 5 years
- Therapeutic Nursery School
  (for children with behavioral and emotional challenges)
  6117 MLK Jr. Way, 94609, 655-4896
  2 – 6 years
- YMCA of the East Bay
  756 21st St, 9612, 272-0669
  18 months – 5 years
Teen Parenting Programs

The programs below provide free child care for enrolled teen parents working toward their high school diploma/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:
through Alameda Co Office of Education
Available at different locations, contact Carolyn Hobbs
2111 International Blvd, Oakland, 94601, 670-7683

Alameda County Resource and Referral Agencies
Child care referral agencies are funded by CDE to provide up-to-date information on licensed child care programs and subsidies in the areas they serve. These agencies help families locate child care services and counsel parents on how to assess the quality of child care providers.

BANANAS (Northern Alameda County)

4C’s of Alameda County (Southern Alameda County)
Castro Valley, Fremont, Hayward, Newark, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, and Union City, 582-2182, www.4c-alameda.org

Child Care Links (Eastern Alameda County)

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