

# Early Care and Education Program Options



## Types of Child Care and Development Programs

**Private Centers:** These centers are privately owned businesses that are licensed by Community Care Licensing (CCL) to operate in a commercial building. Parents generally pay 100% of the tuition fee unless they are enrolled in a child care subsidy program. Private preschool centers may have a sliding scale for low income parents but parents need to contact centers directly for more information. As private institutions they may have a religious or culturally specific curriculum.

[www.ccrcca.org](http://www.ccrcca.org)

**Family Child Care Programs:** Family child care providers operate in private homes and are licensed by Community Care Licensing. Parents are responsible for 100% of the tuition fee unless they are enrolled in a child care subsidy program. Most family child care providers do not have a sliding scale. As a private program they may have a religious or culturally specific curriculum. [www.ccrcca.org](http://www.ccrcca.org)

**State Funded Early Education Support Programs:** Local school districts offer several state funded early education programs that are free-to low-cost to families. Most programs serve children ages 0-5 years old and offer services on elementary, middle and high school campuses. School district early education programs implement research-based curriculums that promote optimal learning experiences and outcomes for children. Eligibility requirements may differ among early education programs. Please contact your local school district directly for more information.

**College Campus Programs:** Several college campuses offer developmentally appropriate preschool programs for children. Eligibility requirements may differ among programs. Please contact your local educational agency directly listed below for more information.

**Afterschool Programs:** Afterschool programs provides an environment where children can participate in intellectual, creative, social and recreational activities that are developmentally and linguistically appropriate for the ages served. Program activities support and enhance the elementary school program and are designed to meet the individual needs of each child. Afterschool program activities typically include homework time, multicultural activities, arts & crafts, games outdoor recreation and snacks. Program staff work in cooperation with parents, school staff, and the community to achieve program goals and objectives and to meet special needs of the children enrolled in the program.

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**License Exempt Care Providers:** Individuals who provide child care for the children of only one family other than their own. Grandparents, relatives, friends, neighbors, babysitters and nannies are considered licensed exempt caregivers.

*These providers are exempt from CCL regulations* [www.ccrcca.org](http://www.ccrcca.org)

CCRC maintains a comprehensive database of local, state and federally funded programs that provide eligibility-based, subsidized child care assistance to low-income families. All early learning and care programs listed below are required to comply with regulations of the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) and additional requirements may apply in accordance with their funded regulations to ensure that children are provided a safe and healthy environment.

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## Types of funded Child Care and Development Programs

**California State Preschool Programs (CSPP):** CSPP is administered through local educational agencies, colleges, community-action agencies, and private nonprofit agencies. [www.ccrcca.org](http://www.ccrcca.org)

- Ages 3-4 years old including children with disabilities
- Part-day and full-day
- Meals and snacks for children
- Income eligibility requirements
- School year program

**Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN):** Subsidized funding is provided by the California Department of Education (CDE) and is administered in Family Child Care homes. [www.ccrcca.org](http://www.ccrcca.org)

- Ages 0-12 years old including children over the age of 12 with disabilities
- Part-day and full-day
- Meals and snacks for children
- Income eligibility requirements
- Full year program

**Head Start:** The Office of Head Start manages grant funding and oversees local agencies providing Head Start services through local educational agencies, colleges, community-action agencies, and private nonprofit agencies.

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices>

- Ages 3-5 years including children with disabilities
- Part-day and full-day
- Comprehensive services including medical/dental, mental health, nutrition, parent involvement, and family services
- Federal income guidelines
- School year program

**Early Head Start (EHS):** EHS is federally funded community-based programs serving pregnant women and children ages 0-3. Services are offered in child care centers and in the private homes of enrolled families. <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehsnrc/about-ehs>

- Ages 0-3 years including children with disabilities
- Meals and snacks
- Comprehensive services including medical/dental, mental health, nutrition, parent involvement, and family services
- Federal income guidelines
- Full year program

**Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP):** LAUP is funded by First 5 LA and is administered through local educational agencies, colleges, family child care homes, and private nonprofit agencies <http://laup.net/>

- Ages 4-years old by September 1st of the current school year including children with disabilities
- Los Angeles County residents
- Half day morning and afternoon sessions
- School year program

**Combination Child Care:** Child care arrangements may involve any two of the options listed below, including care provided by a relative, in addition to another child care agreement with either a licensed family child care home or child care center.

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