

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

What Type of Care is Best for Your Family?

	Head Start and State Funded Programs	Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes	License Exempt Providers
What kind of program is it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose is to prepare children to succeed in school • Provides educational services • Developmentally appropriate learning activities required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cares for children in larger classroom settings • Children are separated by age • Comply with State health and safety requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cares for children in smaller groups • Typically mixed-age grouping • Provider must live within the home • Comply with State health and safety requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be a family, friend or neighbor; may also include school age centers and camps • Provides a family-friendly setting that can support parents' values and culture
Who pays?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides subsidies that help families pay for services based on family eligibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family pays full cost of care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family pays full cost of care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family pays full cost of care
What are staff requirements?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet educational and permit requirements • Must have child abuse and criminal background clearances • Must participate in ongoing training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers must have 12 units of college education, aids must have 6. Directors must have an additional 3 units in supervision • Must have child abuse and criminal background clearances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have child abuse and criminal background clearances • Must complete 16 hours of preventive health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May have child abuse and criminal background clearances-ask if the person is listed in the TrustLine registry

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How many children per adult?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Start: 1 adult to 10 preschoolers • Early Head Start: 1 adult per 4 children • State Programs: 1 adult per 3 infants, 4 toddlers or 8 preschoolers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 adult per 4 infants (under 2 years) • 1 adult per 12 preschoolers (2-5 years) • 1 adult per 14 school aged children (over 5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 adult per 8 children • 2 adults per 14 children • Ratio changes depending on number of infants in care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May care for children from one family (other than their own) at a time
What are their hours?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-day program offering am/pm services • Full day services • Some operate school year only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies. Most open 6 am-6 pm Monday through Friday • Some may offer part time only care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies. Most open 6 am – 6 pm Monday through Friday • Some may offer part time only care • Some may offer evenings, weekends or overnight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours depend on the individual providing care and needs of the family • May provide the most flexible hours to meet the parent's need
Who provides food for the children?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to provide healthy meals and snacks. Menus must meet Federal or State Food Program nutritional requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May or may not provide meals and snacks • May participate in USDA Food Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May or may not provide meals and snacks • May participate in USDA Food Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May or may not provide meals and snacks • May participate in USDA Food Program
Who checks on them?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspected by Community Care Licensing (707)588-5020 • Reviewed by Federal or State Monitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspected by Community Care Licensing (707)588-5020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspected by Community Care Licensing (707)588-5020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No inspections. • May be listed in the TrustLine registry

Need more answers? Community Resources for Children is here to help!

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