Subsidized Child Care Information for Northern Alameda County

BANANAS is happy to supply you with the following referrals and believes that you, the parent or guardian, are best able to choose care for your child(ren). We cannot recommend any providers nor guarantee their quality of service, and you have the right to get information about their licensing record and any substantiated or unsubstantiated complaints. You can access this information by calling the State Department of Social Services at 1-844-538-8766 or visiting Facility Search Welcome. The information on child care programs listed in this document is subject to change and State budget cuts may result in reductions to their funding. Never hesitate to contact BANANAS with any referral questions at 510-658-0381, referrals@bananasbunch.org or https://bananasbunch.org/child-care-referrals/

Need help paying for child care?
If you do, you are looking for “subsidized” child care. This document 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 actual child care. Instead, they reimburse the provider for the child care cost 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 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 or visit http://benefitscal.org
If you are currently receiving cash aid (not just your child listed on the grant), then call Hively to apply for Stage 1 at 510-658-0306.

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.

### Alameda County 2021-2022 Income Ceilings

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Following is a partial list of income types that count toward total household income:

- Wages/salaries
- Child/spousal support
- Disability insurance
- Pensions or annuities
- Cash aid (TANF/CalWORKs)
- Self-employment income
- Worker’s compensation
- Unemployment
- Veteran’s benefits
Alternative Payment (AP) Programs

BANANAS
5232 Claremont Ave, Oakland, 94618, 510-658-7353
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.

4C’s of Alameda County
8105 Edgewater Dr, #270, Oakland, 94621, 510-244-0966
Vendor program for Oakland residents only. Also operates CAPP and CalWORKs Stage 2 & 3 programs serving children 0 - 12 years.

Davis Street Family Resource Center
3081 Teagarden St, San Leandro, 94577, 510-347-4620 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 information on its licensing history, including complaints substantiated by the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD). Ask for licensing documents and 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, 510-748-4001
18 months – 5th grade

Ala Costa Center
(Only for children/young adults with disabilities.)
1401 Pacific Ave, Alameda 94501, 510-527-2550
6 – 22 years, after school program

Albany

Albany Children’s Center
720 Jackson St, 94706, 510-559-6590
3 years – 3rd grade

Berkeley

Berkeley Unified School District
BUSD operates several child development centers (CDC), extended day, and after school learning programs. For enrollment information call the site.

CDCs

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

King
1939 Ward St, 94710, 510-644-6358

Preschools (3-5 year olds)

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

Hopkins
1810 Hopkins St, 94707, 510-644-8939

Franklin
1460 8th St, 94710, 510-644-6339

BEARS (K-5th grade):
Before and after school, full-year programs.

Berkeley Arts Magnet
2015 Virginia St, 94709, 510-644-8939

Jefferson
1400 Ada St, 94702, 510-644-8939

John Muir
2955 Claremont Ave, 94705, 510-644-8938

Sylvia Mendez
2840 Ellsworth St, CA 94705, 510-644-8938

Malcom X
1731 Prince St, 94703, 510-644-8938

Rosa Parks
920 Allston Way, 94710, 510-644-8939

Washington
2300 Martin Luther King Jr Way, 94704, 510-644-8938

LEARNS (K-5th grade)

Afterschool, school year only programs.

Berkeley Arts Magnet
2015 Virginia St, 94709, 510-644-8625

Cragmont
830 Regal Rd, 94708, 510-644-4892

Emerson
2800 Forest Ave, 94705, 510-883-5247
Sylvia Mendez  
2840 Ellsworth St, CA 94705, 510-644-8938

Malcolm X  
1731 Prince St, 94703, 510-883-6149

Oxford  
1130 Oxford St, 94707, 510-644-8883

Rosa Parks  
920 Allston Way, 94710, 510-883-5228

Thousand Oaks  
840 Colusa Ave, 94707, 510-883-6145

Washington  
2300 Martin Luther King Jr Way, 94704, 510-644-8938

Berkeley centers not associated with BUSD

BAHIA/Centro Vida  
1000 Camelia St, 94710, 510-525-1463  
2 – 5 years

Ephesian Children’s Center  
1907 Harmon St, 94703, 510-653-2984  
3 – 12 years

University of California Berkeley  
(Designed for students/faculty/staff)  
2339 Haste St, 94720, 510-642-1827  
2 months – 5 years.11 months

Emeryville  
City of Emeryville CDC  
1220 53rd St, 94608, 510-596-4343  
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  
  ½day, school year programs.  
- **SA (K - 12 year olds)** School age Programs are full  
  year and provide before and/or afterschool care.

For enrollment information at OUSD call 510-273-1590 or  
go to 746 Grand Ave, Room A.

Oakland centers not associated with OUSD

24 Hour Oakland Parent-Teacher  
4700 International Blvd., 94601, 510-534-6030  
2 – 5 years

Building Blocks Preschool & Maya Angelou Academy  
(Day treatment program for children with behavioral and  
emotional challenges)  
3695 High St, 94619, 510-434-7990  
3-5 years, K - 5

Laney Community College  
(mostly designed for students/runs on semester; may have  
community openings)  
900 Fallon St, 94607, 510-464-3575  
3 – 5 years

Merritt College Child Care Center  
(mostly designed for students/runs on semesters, may have  
community openings)  
12500 Campus Dr, 94619,  
510-436-2436  
3 – 5 years

Salvation Army - Booth Memorial  
2794 Garden St, 94601  
510-535-5088  
18 months – 5 years

Supporting Future Growth  
5909 Camden St, 94605, 510-562-3048  
18 months-5 years

St. Mary’s Preschool *(PT only)*  
3208 San Pablo Ave, 94608, 510-595-4030  
3 – 5 years

St. Vincent’s Day Home  
1086 8th St, 94607, 510-832-8324  
2 – 5 years

Therapeutic Nursery School  
(For children with behavioral and emotional challenges)  
6117 MLK Jr. Way, 94609, 510-655-4896  
2 – 6 years

YMCA of the East Bay  
(Serves Berkeley, Albany residents)  
756 21st St, 9612, 510-272-0669  
18 months – 5 years
Head Start/Early Head Start Programs
The rules for these programs are different from others serving low-income families. Head Start (3-5 year olds) and Early Head Start (0-3 year olds) programs receive federal funding. Contact the programs for eligibility information and see below. Most of these programs offer part-day sessions and operate only during the public school year. Parent participation is usually required.

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Add each additional person: $4,540

Alameda Family Services
(Serves Alameda residents)
Clement Ave, Ste A, Alameda, 94501, 510-629-6350
Head Start: centers, ½- and ¾-day programs
Early Head Start: centers, ¾-day programs

City of Oakland Head Start
(Serves Oakland residents)
Frank Ogawa Plaza, Ste 5352, Oakland, 94501
510-238-3165
Head Start: centers, ¾- and full-day programs
Early Head Start: centers, full-day programs

Through the Looking Glass
(Serves Oakland & Berkeley residents)
Adeline St, Berkeley, 94703, 510-848-1112
Early Head Start: center, ¾-day program

Unity Council
(Serves Oakland residents)
Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, 94601, 510-535-6102
Head Start: centers, ¾-day programs, 510-535-6106
E/Head Start: centers, ¾-day programs, 510-553-9926

Kidango Castlemont Early Scholars
(Serves Oakland residents)
8601 MacArthur Blvd, Bldg 300, Oak, 94605, 510-456-0876
Early Head Start: 1 center, full-day program

Kidango Cox Academy
9860 Sunnyside St, Oakland, 94603, 510-456-0859
Head Start: 1 center, half-day program
Early Head Start: 1 center, full-day program

YMCA of the Central Bay Area
(Serves Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville residents)
10th St, Berkeley, 94710, 510-848-9092

Pregnant & Parenting Teen 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, 510-437-6950.

Berkeley Unified School District Vera Casey Center
(Serving Albany, Berkeley, and Emeryville residents)
2246 MLK Jr. Way, Berkeley, 94704, 510-549-3063

Oakland Unified School District
through Alameda Co Office of Education
Available at Fruitvale Academy (Oakland) and Burke Academy (Hayward), contact Carolyn Hobbs
2111 International Blvd, Oakland, 94601, 510-670-7683

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. In Alameda County there are three agencies.

BANANAS (North County)
Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and Piedmont, 510-658-7353, BANANAS Child Care Referrals and Resources

4Cs of Alameda County (South County)
Castro Valley, Fremont, Hayward, Newark, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, and Union City
510-582-2182 x 3198, Home - Community Child Care Council (4Cs) of Alameda County

Hively (East County)
Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Sunol
925-417-8733, Hively - Social Services for Children and Families in Alameda County

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