



## 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](mailto: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 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 510-568-0306.

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.

#### Alameda County 2023 Income Ceilings

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income	Family Size	Gross Monthly Income
1-2	\$6,008	7	\$10,720
3	\$6,842	8	\$10,958
4	\$7,941	9 /10	\$11,196/\$11,435
5	\$9,211	Following is a partial list of income types that count toward total household income:	
6	\$10,482		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wages/salaries</li><li>• Child/spousal support</li><li>• Disability insurance</li><li>• Pensions or annuities</li><li>• Cash aid (TANF/ CalWORKs)</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Self-employment income</li><li>• Worker’s compensation • Unemployment</li><li>• Veteran’s benefits</li></ul>	

## **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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> St, 94710, 510-644-6339

## **BEARS (K-5<sup>th</sup> 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 2

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Federal Annual Income Ceilings 2022**

Persons in Family	Income
1	\$13,590
2	\$18,310
3	\$23,030
4	\$27,750
5	\$32,470
6	\$37,190
7	\$41,910
8	\$46,630
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)  
10<sup>th</sup> 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, 510-437-8950.

### 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

## Alameda County

### Resource and Referral (R&R) 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. 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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