



WHAT DOES QUALITY CHILD CARE LOOK LIKE?

# QUALITY CHILDCARE: YOU CAN AFFORD IT!

## Life Long Benefits of Quality Child Care

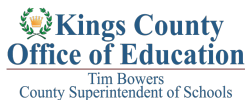
- Improved school readiness skills
- Improved math skills

- More likely to obtain a high-skilled job
- More likely to be a positive community member



- More likely to complete higher education
- Improve social skills

To talk with someone about quality child care that meets your family's needs, contact Resource and Referral Program.



(559) 415-7245

[www.kcao.org/child-care](http://www.kcao.org/child-care)

Investing in our youngest children NOW...for success in the future.

- 1 You're involved in your child's learning...the caregiver and you are partners.
- 2 Caregivers understand your child's abilities and development.
- 3 Your child has enough space to play both indoors and outdoors.
- 4 Activities are planned based on children's interest.
- 5 Learning is encouraged through hands-on experiences.
- 6 Staff have formal education AND ongoing training in child development.
- 7 Staff are trained in first aid, CPR, and safe sleep practices.
- 8 Caregiver talks and listens at child's eye level with genuine interest.
- 9 Health and safety are priorities and staff help prevent the spread of germs.
- 10 Low staff turnover so your child is cared for by someone who knows and understand him/her.

# KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

## CHILD CARE PROGRAMS:

### California Alternative Payment Programs (CAPP)

The California Alternative Payment Program is a subsidized child care program for low to moderate income families that serves children birth through 13 years old and older than 13 up to 21 years old with IEP's. Families must be working, enrolled in training towards a vocational goal, physically or mentally incapacitated, or seeking employment. Families may use any licensed or non-licensed provider in Kings County that meets program guidelines and the specific needs of their children.

### Migrant Alternative Payment Program

Migrant Alternative Payment Programs are administered by the California Department of Education and serves children 0 through 13 years of age and older than 13 up to 21 years old with IEP's. This program serves migrant families throughout the Central Valley as they move to find employment. Families must also meet income guidelines.

### General Child Care and Development (CCTR)

General Child Care and Development programs are operated in center based settings providing education services for children 0 through 3 years of age and older. Curriculum is created with appropriate development goals, cultural background, and language use for the children enrolled.

### Private Child Care

These facilities are licensed by California State Community Care Licensing. They are privately owned by community based organizations or individuals. Curriculum, activities and program practices differ from program to program.

- Family Child Care Home
  - Small—up to 8 children ages birth to 12 years.
  - Large—up to 14 children ages birth to 12 years.
- Child Care Center
  - Group size is dependent on center's capacity for children ages birth to 12 years.

## Head Start Programs

Head Start and Early Head Start programs support the mental, social, and emotional development of children from birth to age 5. In addition to education services, programs provide children and their families with health, nutrition, social, and other services. Head Start services are delivered in centers, Family Child Care Homes, and in family's own home through the Home Based option.

- EHS serves children birth to age 3
- RHS serves children ages 3-5
- Migrant Seasonal serves children birth to age 5
- EHS/CCP serves children birth to age 4 in Family Child Care homes and Child Care Centers

## California State-Funded Preschool Programs (CSPP)

State-Funded Preschool is an educational program for pre-kindergarten children age 3-5 years, from low-income families. The program provides supportive services, including parent education, health and nutrition.

- Part day/part year 3-3.5 hours
- Full day/full year 6-6.5 hours

## California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kings (CalWORKS) Stage I, II, and III

CalWORKS Stages I, II, and III is a subsidized childcare program that serves children birth through 13 years old and older than 13 up to 21 years old with IEP's. Families who are eligible for Stage 1 are referred by the Kings County Health and Human Services Agency. CalWORKS Stage 2 and/or Stage 3 families are eligible when at least one adult is a TANF recipient or diversion service recipient; and who is in their 24 months of eligibility for aid. Families in Stage 2 and 3 must be working, enrolled in training towards a vocational goal, physically or mentally incapacitated, or seeking employment. Families may use any licensed or non-licensed provider in Kings County that meets program guidelines and the specific needs of their children.

## Family, Friend, or Neighbor (Licensed-Exempt Care)

An exempt child care provider is not licensed by the State of California Community Care Licensing. However, they may only provide care for one family.

- A TrustLine registered exempt child care provider has a cleared criminal history with the California Department of Justice. TrustLine is exclusive to the state of California.

## SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMS:

### Family Resource Centers

The Family Resource Centers are community based programs for children ages birth to 5 that provide school readiness services to families residing Kings County. The services offered at these centers are developmentally appropriate, and specifically engineered to the age of the child.

### Parent & Me

The Parent & Me program is a community-based program for children ages birth to 5, designed to strengthen the parent as their child's first teacher and provide hands-on growth experiences for both parent and child which can be repeated at home during the week. Parent and child attend a session once a week where they participate in activities that are developmentally appropriate for the child.

For more information on how you may QUALIFY for these programs please call (559)415-7245



# KNOW YOUR KEY TERMS

## 1 CAPACITY

Number of children allowed by licensing to be enrolled in the whole center.

## 2 CENTER BASED (CB)

Childcare provided for children birth to 12 years old in a child care facility.

## 3 CHILD CARE

Supervision and nurturing of a child in different settings according to the family needs.

## 4 CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Typical progression in which children change as they age in different areas, such as, large and small muscles, language, knowledge, and behavior.

## 5 CURRICULUM

Lessons and teaching that your child will learn during their school year.

## 6 COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING

The agency who provides oversight of the regulations that ensure the health and safety of children enrolled in licensed child care settings.

## 7 DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE

A style of teaching that looks at both the age and the individual needs of every child.

## 8 EDUCATION

Level of education of the lead teacher or childcare provider.

## 9 EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS

Identified mental, emotional, or physical difficulties in a child that require a special setting for education.

## 10 FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCC)

Home- based childcare provided for a portion of the day in a private family home

- Small FCC-- Capacity of 8 children
- Large FCC-- Capacity of 14 children

## 11 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Continuing education and trainings for the staff to improve their skills and knowledge in subjects related to child development.

## 12 RATIO

Number of adults to the number of children in each classroom

- Example of ratio 1:8 means there is 1 adult to 8 children

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

## OLIVER'S LAW

Oliver's Law AB633 (Benoit) – 2006 (AKA: California Child Day Care Facilities Act)

Oliver's Law gives parents the right to access any substantiated or inconclusive complaints concerning the care of licensed child care providers (centers or family child care homes).

Parents may access this information by calling Community Care Licensing at (559) 243-4588 or visiting the website at [www.cclcd.ca.ca.gov](http://www.cclcd.ca.ca.gov).

## MEGAN'S LAW

Megan's Law HR 2137 (AKA: Violent Crime Control & Law Enforcement Act of 1994) Language:

Megan's Law requires states under the State's sex offender registration program and under "the designated State law registration program and under "the designated State law enforcement agency and any local law enforcement agency [to] release relevant information that is necessary to protect the public concerning a specific person required to register under this section."

Additional information can be found at the California Department of Justice/ Megan's Law website <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/> or The Office of Justice Programs at <http://ojp.gov/smart/legislation.htm>.