



Family Choices for Early Learning and Care

	Age Requirement	Income Eligibility	Length of Day	Teacher/Student Ratio	Teacher Education Requirements	Local Contact Information
California State Preschool	3-5 years (must have their third birthday on or before December 1)	<u>Based on family's income</u> and in some cases, based on need Example: A family of 4 may not exceed an income of \$89,297.	Part Day and Full Day Options	Infants: 1:3 Toddlers: 1:4 Preschool: 1:8	Teacher Child Development Permit. Program must also have staff with a Site Supervisor or Program Director Permit.	https://www.chs-ca.org/for-families/child-care-referrals (714) 543-2273 or (949) 364-6605
Early Head Start	Pregnant Mothers, Infants (0-18 mos) Toddlers (18-36 mos)	<u>Based on family's income</u> and in some cases, based on need The HHS Poverty Guidelines are used to determine income eligibility for participation in Head Start and Early Head Start programs Example: A family of 4 may not exceed an income of \$26,500	Center Based: Half day (3.5 hours) or full day (6.5-10 hours) Home Based Services: One time per week and group socializations	Infants: 1:3 (no more than 8 children in a classroom) Toddlers: 1:4 (no more than ten children in a classroom)	CA Child Development Preschool Teacher's Permit. BA or AA in Early Childhood Education or Child Development	http://www.ochsinc.org/ (714) 241-8920 https://rscdd.edu/childdevelopment/services/Pages/OurCenters.aspx (714) 480-7548
Head Start	3-5 years	Based on family's income The HHS Poverty Guidelines are used to determine income eligibility for participation in Head Start and Early Head Start programs Example: A family of 4 may not exceed an income of \$26,500	Center Based: Half day (3.5 hours) or full day (6.5-10 hours)	Part Day: 2:18 Full Day: 3:20 (no more than 20 children in a classroom at any time)	BA or AA in Early Childhood Education or Child Development	http://www.ochsinc.org/ (714) 241-8920

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<u>Private or Faith Based Preschool</u>	Varies Infants = 0-18 mos Toddlers = 18-36 mos Preschool = 3-5 years *Some preschools may serve 2 year olds (24 - 36 mos) as preschool age	None Approved programs may accept Vouchers or Alternative Payment Program (APP) for CalWORKs clients	Varies	Infants: 1:4 Toddlers: 1:6 Preschool: 1:12	Teacher: 12 college ECE units (completion of at least 6 units, enrolled in remaining 6 units) 15 hours of health and safety;	<u>https://www.chs-ca.org/for-families/child-care-referrals</u> (714) 543-2273 or (949) 364-6605 <u>https://mychildcare.ca.gov/#/home</u>
<u>Family Child Care</u>	Varies Infants = 0-18 mos Toddlers = 18-36 mos Preschool = 3-5 years	None Approved programs may accept Vouchers or Alternative Payment Program (APP) for CalWORKs clients	Varies	Small Family Child Care Homes Up to 8 with one teacher (no more than 3 can be infants) Large Family Child Care Up to 14 with 1 teacher and assistant (no more than 3 can be infants)	Teacher (Provider): 15 hours of health and safety	<u>https://www.chs-ca.org/for-families/child-care-referrals</u> (714) 543-2273 or (949) 364-6605
<u>Family, Friend or Neighbor</u>	Varies Infants = 0-18 mos Toddlers = 18-36 mos Preschool = 3-5 years	None If registered through TrustLine, they may accept Vouchers, Alternative Payment Program (APP), or CalWORKs clients	Varies	No ratios. Defined as a provider who cares only for his/her relatives or one other family or friend's children	None	(714) 543-2273 or (949) 364-6605

<u>Transitional Kindergarten</u>	Check with your local school district on age requirements.	None	Varies based on school district: Half day (3-4 hours) or full day (up to 6-7 hours)	2022-23: 1 adult/teacher per 12 students *2023-24: 1 adult/teacher per 10 students (*dependent on additional state funds) Average class size per school is 24 students	Multiple Subject Teaching Credential AND 1) 24 units of Early Childhood Education OR 2) Verified professional comparable experience in a preschool environment OR 3) Child development teacher permit	<u>Orange County School District Contacts</u> <u>https://www.chs-ca.org/for-families/child-care-referrals</u> (714) 543-2273 or (949) 364-6605 Private Providers may offer TK not funded by the state.
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**Criteria subject to change. Based on 2021-22 information at time of publication. This is not an exhaustive list of options for early childhood education.*