

Family Choices for Early Learning and Care



	Age Requirement	Income Eligibility	Length of Day	Local Contact Information
General Child Care and Development	Birth through 12 years of age	Based on family's income and in some cases, based on need	Full Day	https://www.chs-ca.org/for-families/child-care-referrals (714) 543-2273 or (949) 364-6605
California State Preschool	3-5 years (must have their third birthday on or before December 1)	Part Day and Full Day Options	Part Day and Full Day Options	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)	Center Based: Half day (3.5 hours) or full day (6.5-10 hours) Home Based Services: One time per week and group socializations	Center Based: Half day (3.5 hours) or full day (6.5-10 hours) Home Based Services: One time per week and group socializations	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 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)	http://www.ochsinc.org/ (714) 241-8920
Private or Faith Based Preschool	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	https://www.chs-ca.org/for-families/child-care-referrals (714) 543-2273 or (949) 364-6605 https://mychildcare.ca.gov/#/home
Family Child Care	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	https://www.chs-ca.org/for-families/child-care-referrals (714) 543-2273 or (949) 364-6605
Family, Friend or Neighbor	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	(714) 543-2273 or (949) 364-6605
Transitional Kindergarten	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)	Orange County School District Contacts https://www.chs-ca.org/for-families/child-care-referrals (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.