

Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County

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About us

Since 1972, 4Cs has been San Mateo County's leading resource for children, families, and the early childhood community. Child Care Coordinating Council has been helping to meet the child care needs of parents living and working in San Mateo County for over 45 years. We support licensed child care providers and preschool programs by providing professional development and improving program quality.



“ 4Cs’ mission is to connect and empower families, educators, and child care providers with resources today for a stronger San Mateo County tomorrow.”





Our Services

❖ Family Support

- Counseling for parents about child care and preschool options, free referrals to licensed child care, child care subsidies to low-income families, and free parent education workshops.

❖ Provider Support

- Increasing the quality and expanding the supply of child care and preschool, promotion of the professional development of the child care workforce, fostering inclusion for children with special needs, and ongoing support to child care providers through technical assistance, coaching and training.

❖ Community Support

- Provide education to families and employees in the county with our “[Choosing Child Care](#)” workshop
- Outreach and promotion at community events
- Participation in child care policy, advocacy, and planning at the state and local level



Community Programs

- ❖ Child Care Resource & Referral Services (CCR&R)
- ❖ Health & Safety Programs
- ❖ Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP)
- ❖ Quality Counts (QC)
- ❖ Inclusion Services





Resource & Referral Services

Helping all families, through all income-levels navigate options on available child care choices, based upon their identified needs.

- Referrals to **Licensed facilities**
- for **children ages 0-13** years old

A **referral**--whether it is a *Standard* referral or an *Enhanced* referral--is NOT a recommendation.

Online Search:

Parents can conduct an independent search through our database,  **mychildcareplan** (MCCP)

www.Mychildcareplan.org

R&R Phone Line:

Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Child Care Options

FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

- Large and small licenses
- Flexible hours
- Before/After School, overnight, drop-in
- Often have credentials

CHILD CARE CENTERS

- Lower ratios
- Assessments of quality
- Minimum credentials requirement
- Participates in quality networks
- Structural differences

What to look out for:

- Licensing Information
 - CCLD facility search:
<https://secure.dss.ca.gov/CareFacilitySearch/Search/ChildCare>
 - What does it mean if there is a complaint/citation?
- Health and Safety
- Philosophy
- Ratios
- Are they responsive to the needs of your family?
 - Policies for late pick up?
 - Sibling discount?





Licensed Family Child Care Homes

- ❖ Operated in the provider's own home
- ❖ Provides child care and supervision to 14 or fewer children for less than 24 hours

4Cs supports interested participants in opening their own FOCH business by providing training, professional development opportunities, technical assistance, and other supports.

Learn more about how to become a
Licensed Child Care Provider:



For more information, contact:

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Health & Safety Programs

4Cs connects families and providers to resources and services in the community based on their needs. We provide EMSA approved and certified bilingual trainings that meet the Community Care Licensing 16-hour health and safety requirement:

- ❖ Preventative Health Practices (8 Hours)
- ❖ Pediatric CPR & First Aid Training (8 Hours)

Visit our Events and Training Calendar:

www.sanmateo4cs.org/training-and-events-calendar/

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Quality Counts

In partnership with San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) and First 5 San Mateo County, 4Cs supports providers through individualized training, technical assistance, professional development, and grants to support quality.

As part of a state and national movement to raise early learning quality, 4Cs supports providers through quality rating and improvement systems (QRIS).



Supports early learning program quality in the following areas:

- Child observation
- Developmental and health screenings
- Teacher and administrator qualifications
- Teacher-child interactions
- Teacher-child ratios and group size
- Program environment

<https://sanmateo4cs.org/providers/quality-counts/>
<http://smcqualitycounts.org/>

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Inclusion Services

4Cs' inclusion services and supports include:

- **Enhanced referrals** for families with children with special needs
- **Technical assistance** to promote inclusion in child care through observation and coaching
- **Professional development** for child care providers around special needs topics and trauma-informed care
- **Parent education** through parent workshops or individual coaching
- **Rewards and Incentives** for providers to build inclusive practices

- ❖ The only eligibility criteria to receive support services is that the family must live in San Mateo County

For more information, contact:

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Inclusion Services (continued)

Enhanced Referral Process

1. **Intake Interview**
 - Identify the needs of the child
 - Identify parents' desired criteria
 - eg. location, hours, financial source (private pay or subsidy)
1. **Provider Screening**
 - Search and screen for providers that match the family's needs
1. **Enhanced Referral**
 - Parents are provided with child care provider options identified from the screening
1. **Parent Choice**
 - It is ultimately the parent's decision which provider they choose to utilize



Provider support and coaching for Enhanced Referrals

Visit our website to view upcoming trainings:



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Build Up

[Build Up for San Mateo County's Children](#) is a unified and coordinated county-wide effort focused solely on the development and sustainability of child care and preschool facilities in San Mateo County.

- ❖ grow and improve the supply of child care and preschool facilities in SMC
- ❖ Multi-sector approach
- ❖ Aim to have 3,000 new slots by 2020



Build Up
for SMC's Children

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Alternative Payment Program

- ❖ Provides **child care subsidies** to low-income families that helps them pay for child care services
- ❖ The Program is funded and regulated by the State of California Department of Education
- ❖ Serves children from 0 to 13 years of age (or up to 22 years old if he/she has a disability and is unable to care for him/herself)

Subsidy Waitlist

- ❖ Offers all other families the opportunity to enroll in priority and income order whenever funding becomes available

CalWORKS Stage 2

- ❖ Offers all other families the opportunity to enroll in priority and income order whenever funding becomes available

CalWORKS Stage 3

- ❖ Provides extended funding for families currently enrolled who have completed their eligibility to receive CalWORKS Stage 2 child services



Family Eligibility

Subsidy ACCESSList

Assistance with Child Care Eligibility and Support Services

Families are ranked on the waiting list based on their gross monthly income and family size, and has one of the following types of need that qualify for services:

✓ Working

✓ Vocational training

✓ Seeking employment

✓ CPS or at-risk of abuse, neglect, or

exploitation

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

All families, except those who are receiving or who are at risk of receiving Child Protective Services must be at or below the 85th percentile of the State Median Income (SMI) at the time of admission to be approved for subsidized child care.

Services continue until child turns 13 years-old.



Families waiting on the Subsidy ACCESS List

Application Process

1. Parent/guardian(s) are given instructions on how to apply at 4Cs
2. Certification process must be completed prior to receiving services
3. Parent/guardian(s) notified by letter that they have been selected in priority order to apply for child care services
4. Parent/guardian(s) choice and responsibility in selecting an eligible child care provider from referral list

Enrollment

1. Attend a certification meeting
2. Select eligible provider
3. Track child care attendance
4. Pay Family fees (if applicable)
5. Adhere to program rules



Parent Involvement

After Enrollment

- ❖ Opportunities for Involvement
 - Volunteering
 - Community Events
 - Parent Committees
- ❖ Progress of child
- ❖ Observation records



Parent Voices

4Cs convenes and supports parents through the Parent Voices program, a state-wide, grass-roots initiative to improve access to child care for all families in their communities, in California, and in the United States.

Parent Voices combines leadership development, advocacy, and community organizing in its efforts to increase funding, improve quality, and provide better access to child care.

Parent-led, Grassroots,

Community Organizing,

Leadership Development,

Advocacy (local & state)



Stand for Children Day at the capitol, **May 13th, 2020**

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Save the Date!

Family Child Care Preview Fair

Saturday, May 9th, 2020

Families who are considering Family Child Care Home as an option for their children can:

- ★ Meet FCCH providers directly
- ★ Connect with community resources
- ★ Receive a Free book for every child
- ★ Participate in craft projects

... and more!



Questions?



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