

Need help paying for child care?

If you are a current CALWorks participant, or have received cash aid in the past 6 months, contact the office in your local area:

North County: (510) 268-0106

South County: (510) 791-9256

East County: (925) 417-8733

If you are not a CALWorks participant, please call (510) 791-9256

Interested in becoming a licensed family child care provider?

Is your home a healthy and safe place for children to grow and learn?

Have you thought about the other families out there who may benefit from your experience, your training, and your love?

You may want to consider applying for a family child care license. Parents are in need of quality child care for their children, especially for infants and toddlers. They may be looking for someone like you! If you want to open up your home to children and their families, Child Care Links can help you get started and guide you through the process.

Child Care Links hosts a monthly Community Care Licensing Orientation. This orientation is the first step in the licensing process.

Child Care Links offers a New Provider Training bi-monthly. The training consists of 3 sessions covering everything from discipline to children's files.

A Child Care Links' staff member will even come to your home prior to your pre-licensing visit and help make sure your house is up to licensing standards.

Child Care Links is dedicated to helping you provide quality child care!

Child Care Links' Mission Statement

To provide resources that strengthen and support children and their families.

Child Care Links Online

Visit our website for information about Child Care Links services, calendar of events, contact information, downloadable forms and fact sheets.

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Community Services

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FREE Child Care Referrals!

Child Care Links' referral counselors offer free child care referrals, information on child care options and licensing regulations. The counselors ask parents about their child care needs pertaining to type of care, location, hours, ages of children and any special considerations such as pet allergies or need for transportation. The counselors are then able to refer them to child care providers that match the parent's needs. Parents receive information on questions to ask providers to help them screen, interview, select and monitor their child care.

Referrals for the full range of licensed child care facilities include: child care centers, family day care homes and nursery schools.



Child Care Links' policy is to make referrals, not recommendations. Child Care Links believes parents are the ones best able to assess their family's needs. Child Care Links provides the information so parents may make informed decisions about their children's care.

Caregivers receive the information and support they need to do an even better job through orientation and training programs, workshops and conferences and phone counseling.

Families can find the support services they need through Child Care Links and through referrals to appropriate community agencies.

Anyone seeking child care referrals has the right to licensed information, such as substantiated complaints, and to access any public file pertaining to any licensed facility.

For more information please call Community Care Licensing at (510) 622-2614.

Toy and Resource Library

The Toy and Resource Library offers toys, books and videos for loan and is open to anyone who resides, or provides care for children, in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and Sunol. The age range of our toy inventory begins at birth and ends at elementary school age. The age range of our book and video inventory begins at birth and ends with teen years. Delivery service is available. There may be a nominal one-time only membership fee.



Health & Nutrition Program

All Child Care Food Programs reimburse at the same rates. However, with the Child Care Links' Health and Nutrition Program...

- You'll receive special resources such as the Child Care Links' newsletter.
- You'll participate in fun workshops and seminars on a variety of subjects about nutrition and child care, some for college credit.
- You can utilize our simple forms for easy record keeping.
- Our Case Managers provide excellent support and training.



Community Links

Community Links offers a variety of services for parents, children, licensed providers and license exempt providers. Two primary components of the program are the Orientation and Home Visits.

As of April 2002, all license exempt providers who are reimbursed for child care services through Child Care Links are encouraged to attend an orientation. This orientation will explain the purpose of our program, introduce providers to our many services and address their important role in the lives of children. Licensed and license exempt child care providers are welcome to attend workshops on the following topics:

- Safety
- Health
- Mental Health
- Child Development
- Children with Special Needs
- Nutrition
- First Aid and CPR

Home visits are available to parents, licensed providers and license exempt providers. When visiting a home, a Provider Services Specialist or Children's Services Assistant will bring incentives such as personal gifts, resource materials and a choice of the following safety equipment:

- Fire Extinguisher
- Smoke Alarm
- First Aid Kit

During the home visits to parents, children will be supplied with materials for a fun, educational activity. A Children's Services Assistant will engage the children in age appropriate activities.