

General Child Care Expansion Priorities for Alameda County, May 2004
Prepared by the Alameda County Local Child Care Planning Council
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The Child Development Division of the California Department of Education published Management Bulletin 99-21 in November 1999. It states that any expansion funds through the Department must comply with Assembly Bill 1857, which became effective last year. The new law requires that any new funds must go to the most underserved areas of California. In order for Alameda County to be considered for general child care expansion funding, the Planning Council must identify the most underserved areas in our county by zip code. In April 2003, the Child Development published Management Bulletin 03-05, which further clarifies the process to establish priorities. It states, "The amended statute specifies that by May 30 of each year, upon approval by the county board of supervisors and the county superintendent of schools, each LPC shall submit to CDD the local priorities it has identified that reflect all child care needs in the county."

Using March and April 2004 data from local Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, other child care agencies, and the Social Services Agency, we compared the TOTAL FULL TIME/PART TIME SLOTS (the number of children who are in full- or part-time, center-based subsidized care, including Head Start) against the TOTAL NEED (the current number of children on CalWORKs, MediCal, food stamps and foster care) by city and zip code. We subtracted the TOTAL FULL TIME/PART TIME SLOTS from the TOTAL NEED to get the SHORTAGE – an estimated number of children who still need child care.

*****Due to the severe lack of subsidized child care for infants and toddlers as compared to preschoolers, priority should be given to serve infants and toddlers (SHORTAGE 0-2) in ANY zip code. *****
The 20 zip codes below are designated as first priority for funding for preschool age children. All other zip codes in Alameda County are second priority for funding.

CITY	ZIP CODE	FT/PT SLOTS 0-2	TOTAL NEED 0-3	SHORTAGE 0-2	FT/PT SLOTS 2-5	TOTAL NEED 3-5	SHORTAGE 3-5	TOTAL FT/PT SLOTS 0-5	TOTAL NEED 0-5	SHORTAGE 0-5
Oakland	94601	41	1610	1569	683	1391	708	724	3001	2277
Hayward	94544	40	1345	1305	229	1080	851	269	2425	2156
Oakland	94603	1	1140	1139	402	899	497	403	2039	1636
Hayward	94541	26	1087	1061	361	867	506	387	1954	1567
Oakland	94621	0	1049	1049	563	903	340	563	1952	1389
Oakland	94606	0	909	909	446	798	352	446	1707	1261
Oakland	94605	125	832	707	346	720	374	471	1552	1081
Union City	94587	38	662	624	97	528	431	135	1190	1055
San Leandro	94578	0	581	581	76	446	370	76	1027	951
San Leandro	94577	0	445	445	35	360	325	35	805	770
Newark	94560	14	422	408	119	322	203	133	744	611
Fremont	94538	95	554	459	287	404	117	0	587	576
Fremont	94536	0	426	426	224	364	140	382	958	566
Oakland	94602	0	303	303	44	242	198	224	790	501
Livermore	94550	58	274	216	23	231	208	44	545	424
Oakland	94609	0	270	270	135	268	133	81	505	403
San Lorenzo	94580	1	213	212	0	172	172	135	538	384
Hayward	94546	2	207	205	0	158	158	1	385	363
Alameda	94501	85	427	342	396	411	15	2	365	357
Livermore	94551	26	312	286	143	210	67	481	838	353

Additional Notes:

There is an inherent inconsistency in our methodology in regards to 3 year olds: while they are counted in the younger age group (0-3) for Department of Social Service subsidized programs, they are counted in the older age group (3-5) for subsidized child care slots.

There are additional situations in Alameda County that make prioritizing by zip code difficult. First, 94604 is designated as the zip code for homeless Alameda County residents who do not have a permanent mailing address. The level of subsidy dependent children in this situation is high (587 children), although it is impossible to serve children in this zip code because it doesn't physically exist. Second, the University of California at Berkeley serves 109 children of UC students who do not live in the University's zip code, 94720. Third, Head Start serves 80 children full-time at the converted Oakland Army Base at 94626 which has no residents.

Changes since last prioritization: the 94607 (Oakland), 94619 (Oakland) and 94545 (Hayward) zip codes moved down from 1st to 2nd priority; the 94546 (Hayward) and 94501 (Alameda) zip codes moved up from 2nd to 1st priority.

The Child Care Planning Council encourages the Child Development Division to employ the "70/30 split" Family Child Care Network funding stream as a more efficient way to serve infants.