

Piedmont: Families & The Built Environment

Community development policy from the 2009 Piedmont General Plan

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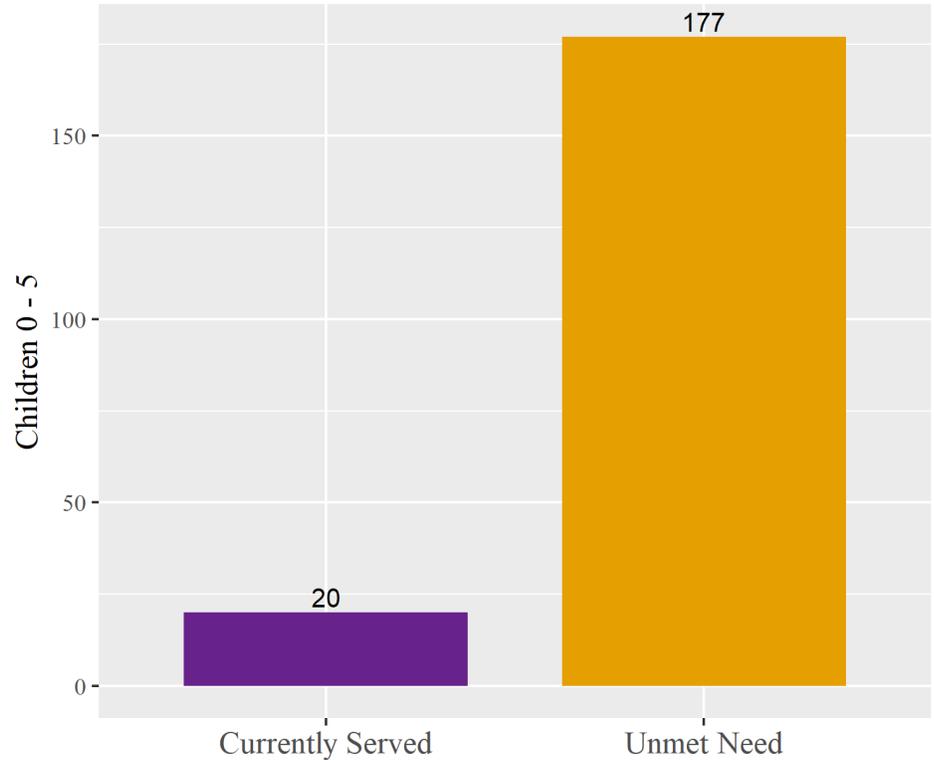
Data

Community Demographics

- Number of income eligible children ages 0 to 5 at or below 85% SMI: 197
- Estimated percent of children 0-5 not served: 90%
- County Kindergarten Readiness rate: 44%

Children Served & Estimated Unmet Need for Income Eligible Children 0-5

Piedmont



Data from the 2016 AIR Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool

Framework Element

2-12: "In 2008, there were 305 licensed home occupations in the city. This is more or less consistent with 2000 Census data which indicates that about 400 Piedmont residents work from home. On any given day, there are also non-Piedmont based workers in the city, including construction crews, gardeners and landscapers, delivery drivers, domestic workers, and home child care providers."

Community Services & Facilities Element

9-1: "The Community Services and Facilities Element addresses Piedmont's municipal buildings, public safety services, educational facilities, and social services. It also covers infrastructure, including water, sewer, storm drainage, energy, and telecommunication facilities. While state law does not explicitly require this Element, these topics are integral to long-range planning. A commitment to providing superior police and fire services, exceptional schools, excellent child care and senior services, and well maintained utilities is essential to achieve Piedmont's broader quality of life objectives."

9-14: "There is a chronic shortage of child care facilities in the Bay Area, with demand consistently exceeding supply. In Alameda County, a countywide effort is underway to plan for high quality early care and education for all children five years and under. This effort has included an assessment of needs in the City of Piedmont.

Alameda County's Early Care and Education for All Needs Assessment Report (2006) reported that the city had a deficit of 35 child care slots for infants and toddlers (under 2), a deficit of 70 slots for 2-4 year olds, and a deficit of 180 slots for 5-12 year olds. The Report acknowledges that these estimates are based on countywide multipliers, and that there may be factors in Piedmont that reduce the magnitude (such as in-home child care providers). Nonetheless, a slight increase in the number of infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers in Piedmont is projected during the coming years, potentially leading to further increases in demand.

As noted in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element, the Recreation Department offers a wide range of child care programs, serving targeted age groups ranging from infants to pre-teens. These programs meet an important need in the city and will be sustained in the future. There are also licensed private child care providers within Piedmont. The City allows small family child care homes with up to 8 children and large family child care homes with up to 14 children in any residence "by right." Child care centers are permitted in all zoning districts in Piedmont, subject to a conditional use permit requirement. State law limits the extent to which the city can regulate child care facilities."

9-28: Policy 36.1: Child Care Services

"Facilitate the provision of safe, affordable child care for Piedmont families, including programs for infants and toddlers, and after-school activities for Piedmont students."

Agenda for Action

11-5: "Each City department participates in General Plan implementation through its day to day operations. For example, the Police and Fire Departments monitor data on crime, accidents, and 911 calls. The City Planning Department requires soils reports and geotechnical studies for new residences. The Building Department implements Title 24 energy conservation standards. The Recreation Department provides after-school activities and child care programs. Collectively, these operations and others move the City toward its long-range planning goals."