

Date: October 6, 1999

To: Linda Parfitt, Child Development Division, California Department of Education

From: Angie Garling and Rory Darrah, Alameda County Child Care Planning Council

RE: Local Child Care Planning Council Needs Assessment

Below you will find needs assessment information you have requested. Each category contains data as well as an explanation of the source of the data.

A. The number of families eligible for subsidized child care.

To calculate this number we used the census information supplied by you, as calculated by the template from CDPAC. Please see Attachment A for more detailed information.

Number of Children Eligible for Subsidized Child Care in Alameda County

Age of Child	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-13 years	Total
Number of Children	21,397	21,571	46,956	89,924

B. The number of families not eligible for subsidized child care.

To calculate this number we used the census information supplied by you, as calculated by the template from CDPAC. We subtracted the number of children below 75% of the SMI from the total number of children in the county. Please see Attachment A for more detailed information.

Number of Children Not Eligible for Subsidized Child Care in Alameda County

Age of Child	0-2 years	3-5 years	6-13 years	Total
Number of Children	35,704	33,999	80,623	150,326

C. The waiting lists for programs funded by CDD and CDSS. You determined that we do not need to give this information.

D. The number of children who have been abused or neglected or are at risk of being abused or neglected. We collected this information from the Social Services Agency's June 1999 quarterly report. In addition, we added the number of children who are receiving respite services through CDD's AP respite program. It should be noted that many children at risk for abuse or neglect are not able to receive respite services due to lack of funds.

**Number of Children 0-18 Who Are Abused or Neglected, or At-risk of Abuse or Neglect in Alameda County
(Current as of June 1999)**

Type of Program	Emergency Response	Family Maintenance	Family Reunification	Permanency Planning	Foster Care	Respite Programs	Total
Number of Children	445	756	1081	3500	3861	296	9939

E. The number of children receiving public assistance. This information was obtained from the Social Services Agency and are based on active cases as of June 30, 1999.

Number of Children Receiving Public Assistance in Alameda County (Current as of June 1999)

Type of Program	0-1 years	2-5 years	6-12 years	13-17 years	18 years and over	Total
CalWORKS	4163	10810	19207	9765	0639	44584
MediCal Only	6103	11373	14923	7542	4544	44485
Food Stamps Only	0298	00618	01016	0465	0142	02539
Total	10564	22801	34146	17772	5325	91408

F. Family income among families with preschool and school-aged children. This information was supplied by CDD and compiled in Attachment A.

- G. The number of children of migrant workers. Alameda County doesn't have a significant migrant worker population.
- H. The number of children with special needs. This information was obtained by the Family Resource Network. The numbers of children (birth through 21) are identified as those who are served in Special Education Programs through local education agencies and children with developmental disabilities who are served by Regional Center of the East Bay. The total is duplicative for children ages 3-21 because children served by RCEB and also very likely to be served by the LEA. However, we still believe these data underestimate many children with special needs in child care settings. The class of children protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act includes a far broader array of needs that do not entitle those children to special education or regional center services.

The types of disabilities or special health care needs not counted are children with chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, HIV, cardiac, kidney problems or cancer. In addition, children with significant behavior issues who present challenges in group care and who are protected by the ADA are not counted because the severity of their need does not meet the criteria for special education services. We know, however, that these children are often terminated from care because of their behavioral needs.

We were also able to compile the number of children in the county who are receiving Supplemental Security Income, or SSI. These data may be helpful in determining the number of severely disabled, low-income children in the county.

We attempted to obtain the number of children in the county who are receiving 504 plans. However, we were able to obtain information from only 6 of the 18 school districts in the county, and did not feel that this amount of data was significant enough to include in the count of special needs children.

Number of Special Needs Children in Alameda County (Current as of December 1998)

Age	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14-21	Total
# of children	95	163	230	461	852	955	1217	1584	1922	2075	2163	1972	1879	1837	7704	25089

Number of Children Receiving SSI in Alameda County (Current as of July 1999)

Age of Child	0-1 years	2-5 years	6-12 years	13-18 years	Total
Number of Children	56	412	1227	1192	2887

- I. The number of children from all identifiable linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Alameda County Public Schools: Enrollment by Ethnicity - 97/98			
Ethnicity	Enrollment	As % of Enrollment	
		County	State
American Indian	1,482	0.7%	0.9%
Asian	32,770	15.6%	8.1%
Pacific Islander	2,602	1.2%	0.6%
Filipino	9,697	4.6%	2.4%
Hispanic	43,783	20.9%	40.5%
African American	46,302	22.1%	8.8%
White	73,165	34.9%	38.8%

Source: California Department of Education, Educational Demographics Unit - CBEDS

Number of English Learners and Fluent English Proficient School-Age Children in Alameda County (1997-1998 School Year)

1	Spanish	30553
2	Cantonese	7481
3	Vietnamese	4423
4	Pilipino (Tagalog)	4957
5	Khmer (Cambodian)	1537
6	Punjabi	1784
7	Farsi (Persian)	2209
8	Other non-English	2428
9	Mandarin (Putonghua)	3029
10	Mien	1079
11	Hindi	1494
12	Korean	1459
13	Arabic	820
14	Tongan	489
15	Lao	368
16	Russian	473
17	Urdu	415
18	Croatian	325
19	Pashto	313
20	Portuguese	420
21	Japanese	294
22	Gujarati	441
23	Burmese	153
24	Ilocano	230
25	Samoan	156
26	German	151
27	French	148
28	Thai	88
29	Rumanian	115
30	Indonesian	56
31	Polish	105
32	Toishanese	44
33	Cebuano (Visayan)	33
34	Taiwanese	60
35	Chaozhou (Chaochow)	16
36	Hebrew	49
37	Hungarian	27
38	Ukrainian	16
39	Italian	38
40	Greek	54
41	Armenian	28
42	Assyrian	23
43	Dutch	28
44	Croatian	10
45	Serbo-Croatian	8
46	Turkish	10
47	Serbian	9
48	Hmong	10
49	Chamorro (Guamanian)	5
50	Mixteco	3
51	Kurdish	1
52	Khmu	2
TOTAL		68,467

- J. Special needs based on geographic considerations, including rural areas.
- K. The age of children needing services. This information is included in Attachment A.
- L. Any other factors deemed appropriate by the local planning council.