

SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES

FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Switching to more sustainable practices with these programs can help you save money, reduce waste, create a healthier environment, and make your in-home child care center or child care facility safer and healthier for children and providers!



SAVE ENERGY



Reducing your energy use can create savings on your bills and for the environment

- “Opt Up” to 100% renewable energy and receive rebates and incentives to save money and energy with Alameda County’s electricity provider, [Ava Community Energy](#)
- Explore flexible financing for energy projects with [GoGreen Financing](#)
- Buy [Energy Star](#) products when it’s time to replace appliances to earn rebates and save money and energy.
- View Energy Star’s [energy saving tips](#)

CLEAN WITH GREEN PRODUCTS



Look for products with trusted ecolabels

- For cleaning, use [Safer Choice](#) or [Green Seal](#) products
- For sanitizers or disinfectants, use [Design for the Environment](#) products
- View [UCSF’s informational posters](#) on safer cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting

REDUCE FOOD WASTE



Reducing your food waste decreases carbon emissions and saves you money

- Explore the [EPA’s tips](#) to reduce food waste
- View the [Children’s Environmental Health Network’s tips](#) for reducing and reusing

CERTIFY YOUR CENTER



Get credit for making your child care center more sustainable, safe, and healthy

- Get certified and receive incentives and assistance from [The Green Business Program](#) for conserving energy and water, minimizing waste, preventing pollution, and reducing emissions

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