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### Summary

The Child Care Planning Council of Yuba and Sutter Counties (CCPC) conducts an assessment of the early care and education needs in the community every five years as mandated by the State of California. The needs assessment identifies county demographics, the demand for care in the community, the current supply of available care, and any currently unmet child care needs. The data collected and analyzed informs the State Legislature of areas in need of additional funding, when that funding becomes available.

In response to the 2017-2022 Needs Assessment, the CCPC identifies the following recommendations:

- Increase subsidized child care capacity for all age groups, particularly full-time child care for infant and toddlers, and school-age children.
- More specialized child care capacity for children with special needs, as well as cultural and language diversity.
- Development of alternative and comprehensive child care models
- Continued workforce development including all members of the early care and education community, with more providers participating in the local Quality Rating and Improvement System initiative.

### County Demographics

According to 2014 Census data, the populations in Sutter and Yuba Counties are as follows: Sutter County – 95,847; Yuba County – 73,966. The population of children, ages 0 to 12 years, represents those potentially utilizing early care and education services. From census data averaged over 5 years, those totals are:

<b>Ages of Children</b>	<b>Sutter County</b>	<b>Yuba County</b>
0-2 (Infant/Toddler)	4,218	3,294
3-4 (Preschool)	2,908	2,252
6-12 (School-age)	11,949	9,235
<b>Total Children 0-12</b>	<b>19,075</b>	<b>14,782</b>

*American Institutes for Research, Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool, Data through 2014*

The children of Sutter and Yuba Counties represent diverse race/ethnicities and cultures. This diversity presents unique opportunities and challenges for those providing services to

families in the community. Census data shows the following diversity within Sutter and Yuba Counties, respectively.

<b>Race/Ethnicity (Greatest %)</b>	<b>Sutter County</b>	<b>Yuba County</b>
Hispanic	37%	38%
Caucasian	43%	38.8%
Asian	7%	13%

*English Language Learners (ELL), K-12 from California Department of Education Data Quest 2016-17*

<b>English Language Learners (School-age Children)</b>	<b>Sutter County</b>	<b>Yuba County</b>
Spanish	68.1%	77.75%
Punjabi	23.3%	2.19%
Hmong	.8%	16.29%
Other Languages	7.8%	3.8%
Total ELL students	3,913	2,517

*English Language Learners (ELL), K-12 from California Department of Education Data Quest 2016-17*

The economic status of children and families in the Yuba-Sutter area affects the needs for early care and education in the community. The median income in Sutter County is \$52,017, with a median income in Yuba County of \$46,892 (Source: American Community Survey, 2011-2015 5 Year Estimates). The unemployment rate in Sutter County is 8.0%, in Yuba County it is 6.7% (California Employment Development Division). In Sutter County, the number of children ages 0-12 with all parents in the workforce is 10,441 (55%). Similarly, the number of children ages 0-12 in Yuba County with all parents in the workforce is 8640 (58%) (Source: AIR ELNAT). Approximately 267 children ages 0-12 in Sutter County, and 313 children in Yuba County are being served through the Counties' CalWORKS programs on a monthly basis (Source: County Department of Social Services 115/115A Reports; Children's Home Society). There is an estimated 20.5% of children ages 0-12 in Sutter County, and 23% in Yuba County, living at or below the Federal Poverty Level (Source: American Community Survey, 2011-2015 5 Year Estimates). In addition, for children ages 0-12, 55% in Sutter and Yuba County are currently living at or below 70% of the State Median Income (Source: AIR ELNAT). The number of children in California eligible for Free & Reduced Lunch during the 2016-17 school year was 51%. In Sutter County, 51% of school aged children, and in Yuba County, 57% of school-aged children were eligible during the same school year (Source: California Department of Education Data).

## Supply of Child Care

Sources of licensed child care within the Yuba-Sutter area include Head Start, State Preschool Programs, private preschool centers, and family child care homes, as well as licensed-exempt care on Beale Air Force Base, after-school programs occurring on local school campuses, and care provided by family, friends, and neighbors. The table below provides the number of full and part-time licensed child care slots available in Head Start, State Preschool

Programs, private preschool centers, Beale AFB, the Yuba College Child Development Center and family child care homes within both counties. The number of spaces available in after-school programs is also included; however, the majority of these programs serve school-age children before and after school only, and were originally intended for enrichment, although they are utilized by families as child care alternatives. The majority of these programs do not serve school-age children when school is not in session.

**Supply of Child Care – Full and Part-Time Combined**

<b>Number of Slots</b>	<b>Sutter County</b>	<b>Yuba County</b>
Infant/Toddler	339	416
Preschool	2,089	1,519
School-age	2,047	1,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,475</b>	<b>3,595</b>

The following table details, by age group, the number of children in each county whose parents are in the work force, and thus require full-time care. These numbers include all family income levels.

**Demand for Full-Time Child Care**

<b>Children with all parents in the work force</b>	<b>Sutter County</b>	<b>Yuba County</b>
Infant/Toddler	2,512	1,930
Preschool	1,136	1,465
School-age	6,793	5,245
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,441</b>	<b>8,640</b>

The table below indicates the gap in available care for both counties. Calculations were made using the total of both full and part-time slots that are available. As a result, there is no gap noted for preschool services. However, when the number of available full-time slots are separated from the part-time slots, there is an undersupply of full-time services in both counties for children in all age groups, indicating an on-going significant need in the Yuba-Sutter community. The availability of full-time child care is essential to creating a stable, productive work force.

**Gap in Available Full-Time Child Care**

<b>Difference Between Supply and Demand</b>	<b>Sutter County</b>	<b>Yuba County</b>
Infant/Toddler	(2,189)	(1,514)
Preschool	953	54
School-age	(4,746)	(3,585)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(5,982)</b>	<b>(5,045)</b>

## Subsidized Child Care

Working families whose income falls at or below 70% of the State Median Income are eligible for subsidized child care services. These services are offered through Head Start, State Preschool, the Yuba College Child Development Center, CalWORKS, Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN) and the Alternative Payment Program. FCCHEN and the AP Program are administered through Children’s Home Society. In the following table, the needed number of full-time subsidized child care spaces is listed.

**Demand for Full-Time Subsidized Child Care Services**

	Sutter County	Yuba County
Infant/Toddler	2,552	1,956
Preschool	1,344	1,048
School-age	6,656	5,245
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,552</b>	<b>8,249</b>

The demand for subsidized services far exceeds the current supply in both counties, as seen in the table below. In Sutter County there is an undersupply of 82% for infants, 89% for preschool, and 37% for school-age children. Yuba County has an undersupply of 84% for infants, 88% for preschool, and 26% for school-age children. As a result of the lack of available full-time preschool spaces, many families who otherwise require full-time care utilize part-day preschool services and must find another source of care to supplement their needs.

**Gap in Available Full-Time Subsidized Child Care Services**

Difference Between Supply and Demand	Sutter County	Yuba County
Infant/Toddler	(2,359)	(1,760)
Preschool	(94)	(151)
School-age	(4,885)	(3,471)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(2,972)</b>	<b>(2,416)</b>

Subsidized part-day preschool programs provide services for income-eligible families with at least one parent at home to obtain enrichment/school-readiness for their children, ages 3-4. The chart below shows an oversupply of part-day preschool spaces in both Sutter and Yuba Counties, however, many eligible families with both parents in the work force choose to enroll their children in the part-day programs and arrange for care with a relative, friend, or other provider for the remainder of their work day in order to secure safe and affordable care. The current reimbursement system for State Preschool Programs also favors the use of funds for operating part-day programs, as opposed to the full-time services many families need.

**Part-Day Preschool Availability**

	Sutter County	Yuba County
Demand – Total Children	658	387
Supply of Part-Day Spaces	796	828
<b>Difference = Spaces - Children</b>	<b>138 (surplus)</b>	<b>441 (surplus)</b>

## Specialized Child Care

There are children and families in the Yuba-Sutter community who require more specialized child care services. These families include those with children who have special needs, families whose parents' whose primary work is in the migrant work force, and those families accessing child care services while in the process of family preservation or maintenance with Child Protective Services. Children accessing child care services in conjunction with Child Protective Services receive first priority for spaces within subsidized care.

The count of children in migrant families who could utilize services is more difficult to reliably estimate. According to percentages obtained from Migrant Student Information Network (WestEd) in 2011, it is estimated that there may be 953 children ages 0-12 from migrant families in Sutter County, and 354 children in Yuba County. The number of child care spaces specifically for children from migrant families is 161 in Sutter County. This count includes infant/toddler and preschool. From these figures, there is clearly an undersupply of care that specifically meets the needs of migrant families and their children ages 0-4.

Families with children who have special needs utilize child care services at a lower rate due to their children's unique needs. For those families who do require care, there are limited services in either county for full-time or part-day child care specifically intended for children with special needs. Head Start programs may waive eligibility requirements for children with special needs who are ages 3-5 and have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or ages 0-2 with an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) until their programs reach a 10% enrollment of children with special needs. In addition, there is one part-day preschool classroom within the Yuba City Unified School District in Sutter County with spaces set aside specifically for children with special needs. The Sutter County Superintendent of Schools and the Yuba County Office of Education each operate part-day, classroom-based preschool programs for children with moderate to severe special needs. The number of children with and IFSP or IEP are as follows:

<b>Children with Special Needs</b>		
	<b>Sutter County</b>	<b>Yuba County</b>
IFSP (ages 0-2)	71	42
IEP (ages 3-5)	107	111
IEP (ages 6-12)	1,323	1,309
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>1,462</b>

*Source: Alta California Regional Center, California Department of Education, Special Education Division, County Office of Education*

## Cost of Child Care

The charts below list the weekly cost of early care and education, by age and type of care, within the Yuba-Sutter community. These figures reflect the cost of subsidized and non-subsidized care in private centers and family child care homes (FCC). Subsidized care provided in centers and family child care homes is reimbursed at 75-85% of the regional market rate, while care provided in license-exempt settings is reimbursed at 70% of the family child care rate.

## Regional Market Rates and Subsidized Child Care Reimbursement Rates

### Sutter County

Regional Market Rates	Center Full-time Maximum	Center Part-time Maximum	FCC Full-time Maximum	FCC Part-time Maximum
Infants/Toddlers	308.50	214.61	193.79	143.16
Preschool	272.02	163.26	174.96	127.39
School-age	183.45	120.95	160.13	124.51

*Source: California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division*

### Yuba County

Regional Market Rates	Center Full-time Maximum	Center Part-time Maximum	FCC Full-time Maximum	FCC Part-time Maximum
Infants/Toddlers	308.85	214.87	180.83	141.90
Preschool	266.78	162.97	164.88	122.80
School-age	183.28	119.84	152.53	108.72

*Source: California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division*

## Public Engagement Process

The CCPC utilized a public engagement process involving public hearing held in both Sutter and Yuba Counties, and a family survey available online and by hard copy. A total of 790 family surveys were collected and reviewed for information regarding child care in the community. The families represented in the surveys report the following characteristics:

### Number of Children in the Household, By Age Group

Under 2 Years Old	2 – 5 Years Old	6 – 8 Years Old	9 – 12 Years Old	13 – 17 Years Old	Total Children
211	799	305	226	148	1,689

### Languages Spoken in the Household

Language	English	Spanish	Punjabi	Hmong	Other
Number of Households	569	286	120	14	11
Percentage of Households	72%	36%	15%	2%	1%

*(The percentages add up to more than 100% due to some households speaking more than one language.)*

When asked about challenges in their experiences with care in the past 12 months, 48% of responses indicated no problems regarding child care. Of the responses that did indicate challenges, the following reasons were noted:

Cost	Transportation	Location of Care	Hours of Care	Trust of Staff	Program Content	Program Unavailable/Waiting List	Lack of Special Needs Services	No Problem
19%	10%	7%	11%	5%	1%	8%	.1%	57%

(Percentages based on the total number of responses – 790.)

The response in the category “Other Problem” listed the lack of infant care available in the community. Additionally, 18% of respondents indicated a change in care arrangements one or more times during the past year, resulting in a disruption in the continuity of care for their children.

General comments regarding early care and education from the community are:

- Nothing, I am very happy with the program and very happy with the teachers
- I always thanks to teacher
- I don't need any other kind of help at home right now. If we need anything, I will let you guys know. Thank you
- NO, preschool is good by the school district.
- Biggest issue with child care is finding childcare that’s affordable and available in the early morning or late nights (5am or until 11pm)
- Que me ayudan mucho con tenerlo en la escuela aaprenden
- There should be more preschools for every 3 years of age. We should have more programs of children care in our area where children can get benefits from.
- Solo trabajo poco tiempo es por eso que casi no los doy a cuidar.
- Need more one on one care
- Child Care is very expensive. I struggle finding day care from July to October because my mom wants seasonal.
- It's hard to find child care for me that is open past 5 o'clock.
- Me gustaria que la pudieran cuidar para poder hir yo ala escuela , gracias



- I need child care. I want to go to school.
- My child is good in study if we are leaving in preschool. She is very nice and smart learning.
- I am a full time student, each semester I schedule classes at night, because I have no child care. Child care is important for me to go to my counseling appts 7 school meetings. I usually take my children to every meeting.
- Amazing school teacher as teacher aids this program has helped my children. Thank you.
- It would be nice if the class started at the same time as the other classes.
- It will be nice if the class was open when the school starts because sometimes we need to come late to one class because we are dropping kids at K.
- Que deberia haber mas centro para educacion temprana para que los ninos se desarrollen mas rapidos.
- Expaner mas tiempo para recogerlos en casos de emergencias.
- Transportation
- All my kids are under my supervision. Times when I get child care it is with family members. Depending on the days for cost, not a scheduled to pay weekly.
- This program is helpful because I'm at stay at home mom with no income for the moment and I was able to get my son in school at no cost. He loves school and I love being able to help him jump start his education.
- The program where my child attends is great. Great teachers love them.
- I think the need of more centers like Bernard Children Center because the wiating lists are long because there is a limit of students that they can serve.
- Love this school, teacher & teacher aid are amazing .
- This program is really good. It has helped a lot with my son and the teachers are really good. Thank you!
- He is good in study, good playing and behaving and learning a lot. Respecting each other and staff is really good. We love the staff.

- My child is good in study if we are leaving in preschool. She is very nice and smart leaving.
- Husband stays home with the 2 year old
- She is good now when she came in preschool, she just want little leaving for small learning for ABC & 123
- My son and I are very happy with the program. Thank you so much for teaching
- Gracias por cuidar y educar ami hijo y enseñar.
- Me gustaria saber ma acerca del cuidado de nino desues de clases.
- Esta muy bien pero me gusta para nnos mas pequenos todo lo demas esta muy bien/
- I work nights to stay at home with our children too hard to trust anyone now of days.
- I really like the state preschool my son is in, he got in fast and I love the staff
- After school program only allowing non english speaking or homework help children is not ok (April Lane)
- We need an after school program that would run until 5:00pm-5:30pm
- More hours in preschool 5 hours instead of 3 hours
- 11 year old is autistic; family child care only
- I hope the birthday for a child to start changes
- ADHD accommodations
- I need child care for 2-3 hours. Can I please have phone numbers of babysitter and school age care
- Transportation
- Help with childcare payment information, is an urgent for me been a single parent.
- Really like the program
- We are doing just fine with our current situation. Thank you

- Ride home
- Need more affordable
- More hours for my son would be better
- I'm a stay at home mom with kids in school, no need for child care
- My special needs child has been very sick but plan on enrolling her this coming school year
- Due to cost of child care, I have to find family or friend who can watch her on a weekly basis, sometimes daily. I've applied twice for CHS no response.
- My youngest daughter age 5 years is in her 2nd year at a state preschool and enjoys the teacher, her friends and learning!
- I have many family and friends who help when I need a child care provider.
- Everything is well, I like the care.
- Cost is a huge issue
- I wish that more programs took one year olds
- I think a lot more families should be approved for CHS. Even if you're working, childcare is very expensive and even a little gov. assistance would help.
- Can be difficult but managed
- Love the program and teachers. Just wish it was longer, personally don't feel like 3 hours are long enough.
- Because I couldn't find affordable child care in which I trusted the provider or staff. I have put my education on hold for the moment until the youngest is a little bit older.
- I don't need childcare yet, I would like to put my youngest in a good program but need to find one I can afford.
- Everything is good-why is there a lot of individuals that need help with children.
- I'm a stay at home mom so I only need childcare for appts or no children events. My 4 year old is in preschool and only use children for after school now and then.

Families within the Yuba-Sutter community state the need for more available early care and education services, particularly infant and full-time, year round care. Families express their appreciation for a safe and developmentally appropriate place to receive education for their children; however, many families struggle to pay for these services. Locating programs near to families' work, home, or school is also an expressed need. Families see the benefits that early childhood education brings to themselves, their children, and the community and request that these services increase in availability, affordability, and convenience to meet their diverse needs, which include non-traditional schedules. Early care and education services are an investment in our present and future work force and the health of our community, from infancy through the adult years.

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