

# Individualized County Childcare Subsidy Plan

Increasing Access to Preschool for Local Children

Through legislation passed last fall, the Individualized County Childcare Subsidy Plan allows counties to determine their own eligibility criteria instead of relying on state criteria.

In Santa Clara County, this means **a family of four with a maximum monthly income of \$5,922 and annual income of \$71,064** with a child enrolled in a state subsidized preschool program now qualifies for a subsidy. Previously, local districts had to abide by the state median, with a maximum monthly income of \$4,877 and annual income of \$58,524 for a family of four.

The new county-specific threshold takes into account the exceedingly high cost of living in our region and provides more families with early education opportunities.

If your child is 3 years, 9 months to 4 years old, check this chart to find out if you qualify for a subsidy:

## Qualifying Income Chart

| Family Size     | Monthly Income | Yearly Income |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| ☺☺ 1-2          | \$4,894        | \$58,724      |
| ☺☺☺ 3           | \$5,270        | \$63,235      |
| ☺☺☺☺ 4          | \$5,922        | \$71,065      |
| ☺☺☺☺☺ 5         | \$6,870        | \$82,436      |
| ☺☺☺☺☺☺ 6        | \$7,817        | \$93,806      |
| ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺ 7       | \$7,995        | \$95,938      |
| ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺ 8      | \$8,172        | \$98,070      |
| ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺ 9     | \$8,350        | \$100,202     |
| ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺ 10   | \$8,528        | \$102,334     |
| ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺ 11  | \$8,705        | \$104,466     |
| ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺ 12 | \$8,883        | \$106,598     |

The individualized subsidy plan in Santa Clara County is modeled on similar pilot programs in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Alameda counties that proved to be effective and were made permanent. Through careful development, our county and its partners aim to address major challenges in the child care subsidy system to better meet the needs and priorities of families and providers.