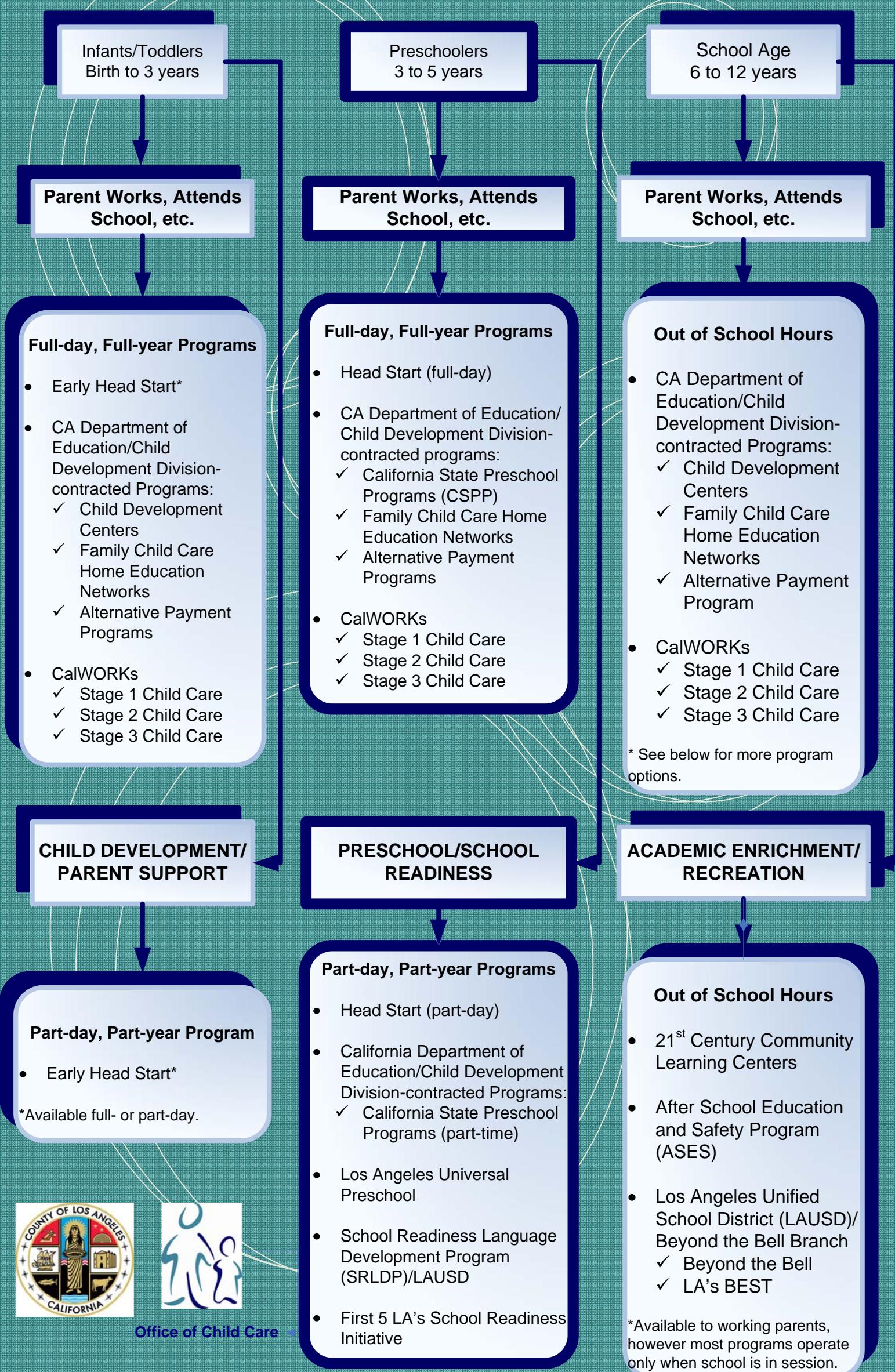


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* See reverse for definitions and more detailed information



Infants/Toddlers
Birth to 3 years

Preschoolers
3 to 5 years

School Age
6 to 12 years

Parent Works, Attends School, etc.

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- Full-day, Full-year Programs**
- Early Head Start*
 - CA Department of Education/Child Development Division-contracted Programs:
 - ✓ Child Development Centers
 - ✓ Family Child Care Home Education Networks
 - ✓ Alternative Payment Programs
 - CalWORKs
 - ✓ Stage 1 Child Care
 - ✓ Stage 2 Child Care
 - ✓ Stage 3 Child Care

- Full-day, Full-year Programs**
- Head Start (full-day)
 - CA Department of Education/Child Development Division-contracted programs:
 - ✓ California State Preschool Programs (CSPP)
 - ✓ Family Child Care Home Education Networks
 - ✓ Alternative Payment Programs
 - CalWORKs
 - ✓ Stage 1 Child Care
 - ✓ Stage 2 Child Care
 - ✓ Stage 3 Child Care

- Out of School Hours**
- CA Department of Education/Child Development Division-contracted Programs:
 - ✓ Child Development Centers
 - ✓ Family Child Care Home Education Networks
 - ✓ Alternative Payment Program
 - CalWORKs
 - ✓ Stage 1 Child Care
 - ✓ Stage 2 Child Care
 - ✓ Stage 3 Child Care
- * See below for more program options.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT/PARENT SUPPORT

PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL READINESS

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT/RECREATION

- Part-day, Part-year Program**
- Early Head Start*
- *Available full- or part-day.

- Part-day, Part-year Programs**
- Head Start (part-day)
 - California Department of Education/Child Development Division-contracted Programs:
 - ✓ California State Preschool Programs (part-time)
 - Los Angeles Universal Preschool
 - School Readiness Language Development Program (SRLDP)/LAUSD
 - First 5 LA's School Readiness Initiative

- Out of School Hours**
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers
 - After School Education and Safety Program (ASES)
 - Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)/Beyond the Bell Branch
 - ✓ Beyond the Bell
 - ✓ LA's BEST
- *Available to working parents, however most programs operate only when school is in session.



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Definitions and Detailed Information

Introduction

Making Choices: Subsidized Child Care and Development Services is intended as a quick guide to the subsidized child care and development system available to low- to moderate-income families with children from birth up to 13 years old. It is one in a series of handouts developed for organizations that work with families. The following handouts provide more detailed information that may guide organizations in helping families navigate the subsidized child care and development system:

- Case Management: Connecting Families to Child Care and Development Services
- Using Child Care Resource and Referral Services
- Maximizing Resources: Navigating the Subsidized Child Care and Development System
- Subsidized Child Care: Registering on the Los Angeles Centralized Eligibility List (LACEL)
- Registration and Enrollment: Developing a Portfolio to Child Care and Development Services
- Preschool Programs Enrolling Now: State Preschool, Head Start, and Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP)

All handouts are available at www.childcare.lacounty.gov; click on “Child Welfare”.

Defining Parent Need

Parents/primary caregivers typically must demonstrate a reason (such as working, seeking employment, enrolled in school or job training program, seeking housing, or be incapacitated) to qualify for most full-day, full-year child care and development services.

Program Eligibility Criteria

- **Early Head Start and Head Start Programs:** Families with incomes up to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL); may serve families up to 130% of the FPL as space is available.
- **California Department of Education/Child Development Division-contracted Programs:** Families at or below 75% of the State Median Income (SMI).
- **CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care:** CalWORKs recipients participating in welfare-to-work activities that lead to employment and self-sufficiency. Must be approved by CalWORKs or GAIN Eligibility Worker.
- **CalWORKs Stage 2 Child Care:** Families may receive Stage 2 Child Care up to 24 months after stop receiving cash aid.
- **CalWORKs Stage 3 Child Care:** Supports families as move off welfare and into self-sufficiency and have exhausted 24 months of eligibility for Stage 2; families may continue to receive Stage 3 Child Care until they no longer meet the income eligibility requirements or their children exceed the age limit.
- **Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP):** Enrollment in some programs (Head Start, CDE/CDD-contracted programs) limited to families that meet their eligibility criteria. Enrollment in non-subsidized programs do not have income criteria.
- **School Readiness Language Development Program (SRLDP):** No income eligibility requirements; priority to children living within boundary of a PHBAO (Predominantly Hispanic, Black, Asian or Other Non-Anglo Saxon).
- **First 5 LA's School Readiness Initiative:** Targeted to low-income families in 42 school readiness communities
- **21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) and After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program:** Available to students as space allows attending a public school operating an ASES Program. Schools operating 21st CCLC also open to students from area schools as space allows.
- **Beyond the Bell/Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD):** No income requirements; open to students attending school offering the program as space is available. Free tutoring available only to students eligible for free and reduced lunches and attending Title I schools.
- **LA's BEST:** Open to children regularly attending school where program located; students enrolled on first-come, first-served basis. Some spaces reserved for referrals from principals and counselors.

How to Access Services

Ten Child Care Resource and Referral (R&Rs) Agencies throughout Los Angeles County provide families with referrals to child care and development programs. Families may call 1-888-922-4453 to be connected to their local R&R. For immediate access to information regarding Early Head Start and Head Start, contact the Los Angeles County Office of Education at 1-877-773-5543 or visit www.PreKKid.org.

The Los Angeles Centralized Eligibility List (LACEL) helps connect families to child care and development programs that offer subsidies as funds and openings become available. To register on the LACEL, families call 1-888-922-4453 to be connected to their local R&R.