

Subsidized Child Care & Development Selections for Educational Experiences in Madera County

Families seeking subsidized child care and development services need to contact agencies of their choice directly. You can request information about the agency's individual program to enroll or to be placed on their eligibility waitlist.

Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC)

1225 Gill Ave, Madera 93637 Phone: (559) 673-9173

Regional & Migrant Seasonal Head Start (559) 673-0012 Ext. 5803
Child Care Alternative Payment and Resource & Referral Program (559) 661-0779 or (559) 675-8469 or (800)505-0404

Small Fry Cooperative Preschool

13878 RD 21 ½ (located at Howard Elementary School)
Phone: (559) 673-3825

Migrant Child Care Alternative Payment Program (CAP Kern Co)

525 E Yosemite Ave, Madera 93638

Contact: Patricia Vega Phone: (559) 385-2503

Madera County Office of Education

1105 S Madera Ave, Madera 93637

Prekindergarten and Family Literacy Program in Chowchilla

Contact: Jacklyn Jones Phone: (559) 662-3821

State Toddler & Preschool Programs in Madera

Contact: Ana Gonzalez Phone: (559) 662-3861

Madera Unified School District State Preschool Program

1816 Howard Rd, Ste. 1, Madera 93637

Contact: Rachel Villarreal Phone: (559) 675-4490

Madera Child Development Center

Madera Coalition for Community Justice/State Preschool Program

1205 Sonora St, Madera 93638

Contact: Rachel Garcia Phone: (559) 674-1972

Madera Center Community College - Child Development Lab

30277 Avenue 12, Madera 93638

Contact: Tina Luera Phone: (559) 675-4102

Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District

State Preschool Program 49495 Road 427, Oakhurst 93644

Contact: Virgie Tojino Phone: (559) 642-1580

First 5 of Madera County Family Resource Center

Providing developmental and play opportunities for parents and children. Ages: 0-5 years. Phone: Madera (559) 661-5155
Chowchilla (559) 201-5000 Oakhurst (559) 664-4198



Child Care & Development Selections for Educational Experiences in Madera County

Quality Care Matters

- Children's brains grow quickly during their first years of life and their experiences during these critical early years is what lays the foundation for the rest of their lives.
- Through play, children learn to take the perspective of another. They learn self-control and the ability to take turns, negotiate, compromise, and work out conflicts. These are essential behaviors that help children succeed in school and throughout life.
- A positive adult-child relationship built on trust, understanding, and caring will foster children's cooperation, motivation, and increase their positive outcomes both at home and at school.

Indicators of Quality Care

- Staff are CPR/First Aid and Health and Safety certified
- Staff are screened for any criminal background
- Facility is licensed and regulated by the state
- Facility is clean and safe
- Staff communicate often and support parent involvement
- Staff have ongoing professional training
- Staff have education specialized in working with children
- Low adult to child ratio/appropriate group sizes
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum
- School readiness/educational experiences
- Support for social-emotional development

If you would like additional information on child care & development educational experience choices and assistance finding quality child care in Madera County please contact the CAPMC Child Care Resource & Referral at (559) 675-8469 or at www.maderacap.org

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Families can mix and match early educational programs. For example, a child may attend a part-day program and receive wrap-around care through a Licensed Child Care Center (CCC), Family Child Care Home (FCCH), or Licensed-Exempt Care (Family, Friend or Neighbor)

CENTER BASED

State Funded Programs (Title 5)

- **Services offered:** comprehensive educational experiences, meals, health screenings. Staff screened for any criminal background and are CPR/First Aid certified
- **Eligibility:** children in families with incomes below the 70% SMI poverty

Full Day State Preschool (FDSP)

- **Hours of Operation:** include full day sessions
- **Ages served:** 3-4 yrs
- **Need:** Parents are required to be working, attending school/training, seeking employment or incapacitated

Part Day State Preschool (PDSP)

- **Hours of Operation:** 3-4 hour morning or afternoon sessions
- **Ages served:** 18 months - 4 years or 3 - 4 years, depends on program

Federally Funded Programs

Madera/Mariposa Regional Head Start

Madera /Merced/ Seasonal Migrant Head Start

- **Services offered:** Comprehensive early childhood education, medical & dental screening, services to children with disabilities, social skills, nutrition and family support services. Home-base services offered in Madera County.
- **Eligibility:** Children in families with incomes below the federal poverty guidelines. Migrant eligible when more than 50% of income from agriculture and have moved in the last 24 months in search of an agriculture related job.
- **Hours of Operation:** Regional provides part-time 3.5 hours morning or afternoon or full day session depending on the center. Migrant provides full day sessions.
- **Days & months of operation vary:** School Year or Seasonal
- **Ages served:** Regional Head Start (3-5 yrs.) Migrant Head Start (6wks-5 yrs.)
- **Priority:** Based on income, age and disability

Families who do not qualify for any federal or state subsidized programs have private pay options through a Child Care Center (CCC), Family Child Care Home (FCCH), or License-Exempt Care (Family, Friend or Neighbor).

VOUCHER BASED

State/Federal Funded Program

Allows parents to choose among child care providers in their communities

Child Care Alternative Payment Program (APP)

- **Ages served:** 0-12 yrs
- **Eligibility:** children in families with income below 70% SMI guidelines
 - CalWORKS Stage 2 & 3 - Parent currently or recently received cash aid
 - General APP - enrolled from subsidized program eligibility list by rank
- **Need:** Parents are required to be working, attending school/training, seeking employment or incapacitated

Migrant Child Care Alternative Payment Program (CMAP):

- Services available to children of migrant agricultural workers

CHILD CARE OPTIONS:

Child Care Center

- Licensed by the state of California
- Staff screened for any criminal background
- Staff CPR/First Aid and Health & Safety certified
- Educational experiences
- May offer nutritious meals/snacks and transportation may be available
- Hours of operation: full-time or part-time care

Family Child Care Home

- Licensed by the state of California
- Staff screened for criminal background clearance
- Staff are CPR/First Aid, Health & Safety certified
- Home-based educational experiences
- May offer nutritious meals/snacks and/or transportation may be available
- Hours of operation: full or part day and may include non traditional hours (nights and weekends)

License-Exempt Care (Family, Friend or Neighbor)

- Not a licensed home (can only care for children from one non-related family)
- Home-based care
- Hours of operation are flexible (nights and weekends)
- Criminal background clearance may be required