



# Early Learning Programs in Santa Clara County

**90% of a child's brain develops by age 5.** Regularly attending early learning programs prepares children to be fully ready for kindergarten. The **Santa Clara County Office of Education** has resources to help families and caregivers find programs that meet their needs.

Programs	California State Preschool Program (CSPP)	Head Start	Private Centers and Homes*	Transitional Kindergarten
<b>Ages</b>	3 and 4 year olds	3 and 4 year olds	Varies by provider	4 year olds
<b>Schedule</b>	Full-day options available	Full-day options available	Determined by provider	Full-day options available
<b>Cost</b>	Free or low-cost, based on family income and other factors	Free, based on family income	Determined by provider, subsidized vouchers available if eligible	Free to all
<b>Required Educational Component**</b>	Required	Required	Not required but may be available	Required
<b>Eligibility</b>	Must meet eligibility criteria	Must meet eligibility criteria	None	Open to all. Part of school system

\*Centers and family homes can be licensed or license-exempt

\*\* Programs that require an educational component must follow developmentally appropriate and research-based standards/foundations

(Adapted from CDE UPK Materials)



## Find a program

The **Santa Clara County Childcare Resource & Referral (R&R) Program** provides free information to families about all program options below. The R&R does not administer programs.

<b>California State Preschool</b>	<b>Contact the Santa Clara County R&amp;R Program for locations and contact information</b> Phone: 669-212-5437    Email: <a href="mailto:childcarescc@sccoe.org">childcarescc@sccoe.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.childcarescc.org">www.childcarescc.org</a>
<b>Head Start</b>	<b>Contact the Santa Clara County Office of Education, Early Learning Services Department</b> Phone: 408-453-6900    Email: <a href="mailto:HSReceptionist@sccoe.org">HSReceptionist@sccoe.org</a> Web: <a href="https://sccoe.to/ELS">https://sccoe.to/ELS</a>
<b>Private Centers and Homes</b>	<b>Contact the Santa Clara County R&amp;R Program for locations and contact information</b> Phone: 669-212-5437    Email: <a href="mailto:childcarescc@sccoe.org">childcarescc@sccoe.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.childcarescc.org">www.childcarescc.org</a>
<b>Transitional Kindergarten</b>	<b>Visit your school district's enrollment webpage:</b> <a href="https://sccoe.to/MySchoolDistrict">https://sccoe.to/MySchoolDistrict</a>

## Santa Clara County Childcare Portal

The Santa Clara County Childcare Portal is an online search tool that allows families to immediately find licensed childcare and Pre-K programs throughout Santa Clara County. The website is managed by the **Santa Clara County Office of Education's Childcare Resource & Referral Program**.

- Access contact information for nearly 2,000 providers
- Search by program characteristics
- Learn about getting help with paying for care
- Free accounts for families who want to save their search results



### Early Learning Videos

Visit the Santa Clara County Office of Education's early learning YouTube playlist to find answers to frequently asked questions about early learning programs.



### Programs & Supports for Children with Disabilities

The **Inclusion Collaborative** offers free supports, resources, and referrals for both educators and families who serve children with disabilities and other needs.

**Contact Us:**

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