

Early Care and Education Needed Now!



**PRESENTATION TO THE SANTA BARBARA
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**BY THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CHILD
CARE PLANNING COUNCIL**

Local Planning Councils



- Local Child Care Planning Councils (LPCs) were established in every California county are under joint authority of the Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools (CA Ed. Code, Chapter 2.3, Sections 8499.3 and 8499.5)
- Councils are mandated to conduct a Needs Assessment every five years
- The Needs Assessment informs the development of a Strategic Plan for meeting the needs of children and families in the County
- The Plan involves other community members and organizations

Council Members



The Child Care Needs Assessment



- **Areas assessed, per the CA Ed. Code, include:**
 - Numbers of children by age
 - Race and ethnicity of families
 - Languages spoken at home
 - Income levels of families, including those receiving public assistance and free/reduced lunch
 - Estimated number of children needing care
 - Capacity of programs to serve children, including licensed center, family child care homes, and license-exempt after school programs
 - The cost of early care and education (ECE)

The Child Care Needs Assessment (cont'd)



- **Areas assessed include:**
 - Overall family expenses, including child care
 - Children eligible for publicly-funded ECE
 - The capacity of publicly-funded programs, by region
 - The number of children with IEPs and IFSPs
 - The number of children at risk of abuse or neglect
 - Children of homeless families
 - Children of migrant families
 - Children of teen parents
 - The importance of quality ECE and current initiatives
 - The ECE infrastructure

Focus on High Quality



- Santa Barbara County has invested for many years in initiatives to increase the quality of care:
 - National Accreditation: NAEYC & NAFCC
 - Outdoor Classroom
 - Inclusive Child Care
 - Workforce Incentives
 - Leadership Development
 - Quality Counts



The Importance of High Quality ECE



- High quality ECE is critical to our children, families and communities
 - It provides a safe, nurturing and engaging environment for children to develop socially and emotionally, physically and cognitively
 - It enables parents to engage in gainful employment to support their families
 - It strengthens communities by providing a stable workforce and a solid economic base
 - It is critical to the future of our communities, and is the best investment we can make!

Our Future Firefighters!

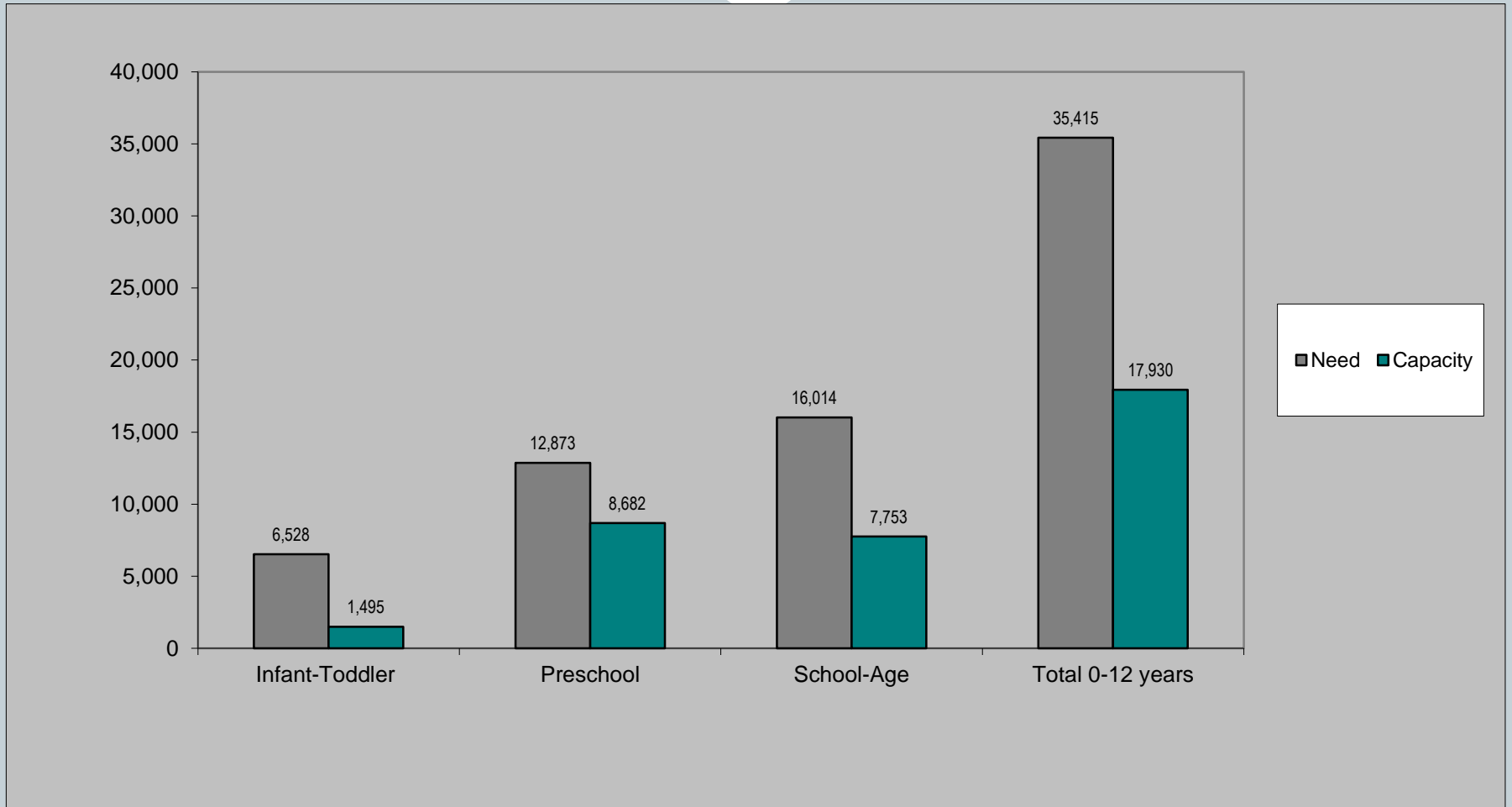


Capacity is Not Meeting Need



- **Assessment findings show:**
 - In 2015 there were more than 77,000 children aged birth through 12 years
 - Of these, 35,000 were estimated to need some form of ECE because their parents are working or are in school and want children to have a high quality experience
 - There were fewer than 18,000 spaces in licensed child care centers, licensed family child care homes, and license-exempt, public school-based after school programs
 - Thus, almost 50% of children estimated to need care are unable to access programs to serve them

Need & Capacity by Age Group



Need & Capacity by Region



<i>Region</i>	<i>Infant-Toddler Need</i>	<i>Infant-Toddler Capacity</i>	<i>Pre-school Need</i>	<i>Pre-school Capacity</i>	<i>School-Age Need</i>	<i>School-Age Capacity</i>	<i>Total Need</i>	<i>Total Capacity</i>
South County	2,222	687	4,452	4,098	6,050	2,754	12,724	7,539
Santa Ynez Valley	221	43	482	464	613	494	1,316	1,001
Lompoc Valley	942	190	1,877	984	2,519	527	5,338	1,701
North County	3,143	575	6,062	3,136	6,832	3,978	16,037	7,689
Countywide	6,528	1,495	12,873	8,682	16,014	7,753	35,415	17,930

Low Income Families Need Subsidized Care



Need for Subsidized Care – South County



Region/Zip Code	City/Town	Children Income Eligible for Subsidized Early Care and Education Services			Children Income Eligible and Needing Care		
		Eligible 0-2 years old	Eligible 3-5 years old	Eligible 6-12 years old	Eligible 0-2 years old	Eligible 3-5 years old	Eligible 6-12 years old
93013	Carpinteria	149	184	373	55	129	145
93067	Summerland	8	10	18	3	7	7
93101	Santa Barbara	293	361	732	108	253	285
93103	Santa Barbara	185	229	465	68	160	181
93105	Santa Barbara	232	285	576	86	200	225
93108	Montecito	103	127	258	38	89	101
93109	Santa Barbara	99	122	249	37	85	97
93110	Santa Barbara	154	192	387	57	134	151
93111	Santa Barbara	160	198	401	59	139	156
93117	Goleta/Isla Vista	506	619	1,252	187	433	488
Total		1,889	2,327	4,711	699	1,629	1,837

Need for Subsidized Care – Mid-County



		<i>Children Income Eligible for Subsidized Early Care and Education Services</i>			<i>Children Income Eligible and Needing Care</i>		
<i>Region/Zip Code</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>Eligible 0-2 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 3-5 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 6-12 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 0-2 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 3-5 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 6-12 years old</i>
Santa Ynez Valley				Santa Ynez Valley			
93427	Buellton	84	90	173	31	63	67
93440	Los Alamos	31	33	64	11	23	25
93441	Los Olivos	23	25	48	9	18	19
93460	Santa Ynez	80	85	164	30	60	64
93463	Solvang	116	124	241	43	87	94
Total		334	357	690	124	250	269
Lompoc Valley				Lompoc Valley			
93436	Lompoc	818	870	1,692	303	609	660
93437	Lompoc	51	54	106	19	38	41
Total		869	924	1,798	322	647	701

Need for Subsidized Care – North County



		<i>Children Income Eligible* for Subsidized Early Care and Education Services</i>			<i>Children Income Eligible* and Needing Care</i>		
<i>Region/Zip Code</i>	<i>City/Town</i>	<i>Eligible 0-2 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 3-5 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 6-12 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 0-2 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 3-5 years old</i>	<i>Eligible 6- 12 years old</i>
93254	Cuyama	12	13	26	4	9	10
93429	Casmalia	3	4	6	1	3	2
93434	Guadalupe	108	114	222	40	80	87
93454	Santa Maria	1,211	1,294	2,279	448	906	889
93455	Santa Maria/Orcutt	1,387	1,485	2,620	513	1,040	1,022
93458	Santa Maria	1,708	1,828	3,248	632	1,280	1,267
Total		4,429	4,738	8,401	1,639	3,317	3,276

Subsidized Need & Capacity by Region



<i>Region</i>	<i>Infant-Toddler</i>	<i>Infant-Toddler</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>School-Age</i>	<i>School-Age</i>
	Need	Capacity	Need	Capacity	Need	Capacity
South County	699	109	1,629	858	1,837	1,603
Santa Ynez Valley	124	1	250	99	269	30
Lompoc Valley	322	81	647	465	701	480
North County	1,639	200	3,317	1,127	3,276	2,008
Countywide	2,784	391	5,843	2,549	6,083	4,121



In Santa Barbara County, there are not enough subsidized child care spaces to serve all children who are eligible for care.

The cost of care for families is high if they cannot find care or do not qualify.

Many families work multiple jobs to make ends meet.

The high cost of housing is another factor putting stress on families' income.



Parents want the best early care and education for their children!

Monthly Cost of Early Care & Education



	<i>Infant Centers</i>	<i>Infant FCC</i>	<i>Preschool Centers</i>	<i>Preschool FCC</i>	<i>School-Age Centers</i>	<i>School-Age FCC</i>
North County/ Lompoc Valley	\$1,138	\$834	\$559	\$763	\$220	\$683
South County/ Santa Ynez Valley	\$1,173	\$1,037	\$845	\$888	\$332	\$1,100
Countywide Average	\$1,171	\$927	\$788	\$826	\$321	\$725

Meeting Other Needs of Families



Some Families Need Additional Help



- Approximately 7,712 children had identified disabilities
- In 2013 there were 543 substantiated cases of child abuse and 222 of them entered foster care
- An estimated 9,462 children were homeless
- More than 4,000 children have parents who are migrant farm workers
- In 2013 about 123 teen mothers gave birth
- An estimated 31,073 children are Dual Language Learners

Critical Findings



- Program quality has a big impact on children's ability to thrive
- Retention of a well-educated and trained workforce is compromised by low wages
- There is a critical shortage of licensed spaces for all age groups, with the highest need in North County
- Many children are placed in unregulated settings where quality is not monitored
- The greatest need is for infant care; only 14% of the estimated need is being met

For More Information



- Please visit the Child Care Planning Council's website at: cdp.sbceo.org/ccpc
- Questions?
- Thank you!

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