



Help Paying for Child Care

Child care helps parents earn while children learn and the cost of quality child care is expensive. Subsidized child care helps lower income families by covering their child care costs. There are four types of Child Care payment assistance in El Dorado County based on financial need.

1. CalWorks Programs – Help paying for child care for families who are receiving public assistance and have a need for child care. Contact: 530-642-7300

2. Choices for Children Alternative Payment Program provides child care payment assistance to income eligible parents who have a need for care. To access the program a parent must show proof of participation in the CalWorks program within the last two years or complete the Choices for Children wait list application. Submitting a Wait List application is not a guarantee of services. Enrolled parents may select a center, family child care home, or license exempt provider. Contact: 530-676-0707

3. El Dorado County Office of Education offers no cost State preschool and Head Start programs to income eligible families with children ages 3 – 5 years. These are part day center based preschool programs with the possibility of wrapping services to include morning and afternoon programs. Preschools are available at a variety of locations throughout the county. Contact: 530-295-2270

4. Some Private Centers offer state preschool and Department of Education general child care funding for income eligible families with children ages birth to entering Kindergarten. Each center accepts children of different ages and must be called individually to ask about payment assistance.

- **Happy Kids # 1** Ages: 2 to 5 years Hours: M-F, 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM
2786 Coloma Street Placerville (530) 626-0344
- **Happy Kids # 2** Ages: 0 to 5 years Hours: M-F, 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM
3900 Ponderosa Street, Shingle Springs (530) 677-0551
- **Happy Kids # 3** Ages: 0 to 5 years Hours: M-F, 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM
2635 Cambridge Rd., Cameron Park (530) 676-2223
- **Pine Top Montessori** Ages: 2 to 5 Hours: M-F, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
7526 Pony Express Trail, Pollock Pines (530-903-3106)

5. Community Resources – Agencies that offer food, clothing, housing, medical, and energy assistance may help ease your budget. See enclosed Community Resource List.



Community Resource List

Food Bank – Provides food assistance on a daily basis in partnership w/ over 50 local emergency food response sites. Call for locations. Phone numbers: (530) 621-9950, (916) 939-6774, (530) 541-9950. 8:30am – 2:30pm M-F.
www.foodbankedc.org

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) - Provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, vouchers for healthy foods, and referrals to healthcare and other resources. Serves women who are pregnant, breastfeeding a baby under age 1, or were pregnant in the past 6 months. Serves babies and children up to the fifth birthday. Babies and children cared for by their fathers, other guardians, or foster parents are also eligible. Must meet income guidelines. Phone (530) 621-6176.
<https://m.wic.ca.gov/>

Salvation Army - The Placerville center will offer information on shelter for domestic abuse survivors, loan programs, and other financial help. Phone: (530) 672-3147

S.H.A.R.E. Food Closet – Recipients can receive three days of food supplies each month. Mon – Fri, 10:00 am – 12:45 pm. Address: 1031 Thompson Way, Placerville, 95667. Phone - 530-626-8299

Upper Room – Provides a free hot meal 7 days a week from 4pm-5:30pm in the Upper Room Dining Hall
Address: 1868 Broadway in Placerville, 95667. Phone: (530) 621-7730

Pollock Pines Community Church – Helping Ends Meet is a program that provides a hot meal every Friday afternoon from 12:00pm – 1:00 pm. Address: 6361 Pony Express Trail Pollock Pines, 95726. Call 644-2133 or visit
www.pollockchurch.com

Green Valley Church – Offer many services to the community through their community care ministry. Assistance includes firewood, help with moving, winter shelter, and a food & clothing giveaway held every Saturday (except Christmas) from 8am – 12pm, located downstairs in the Green Valley Community Church Café.
Address: 3500 Missouri Flat Rd, Placerville, 95667. Phone – (530) 622-3231 www.gvcconline.com

Calvary Chapel Kids & Teens Clothes Closet – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Free clothing and baby supplies for families in need in the Greater Placerville area, sizes newborn to teens. Contact or 626-8484. Also offers a food closet one time per month. Address: 6575 Commerce Way, Diamond Springs, 95619.
Phone: 626-8484 calvarycloset@att.net

Children's Health Insurance – Health and Human Services – Help finding low cost or no cost health insurance plans for your child. Hubs 1-800-844-4491.

Dept. of Human Services – Can help eligible low income families w/ financial, food & clothing assistance. Programs include CalFresh, CalWorks, and Medi-Cal. 3057 Briw Rd. Placerville, CA 95667. (530) 642-7300

Community Resource Center – Emergency Shelter through the Revolving Nomadic Program and other homeless resources. Contact www.edcrc.org or (530) 344-1864.

Home Energy Assistance Program – HEAP – Financial assistance to help with high energy bills, making needed home repairs, or making the home more efficient. Must meet household income eligibility. Call 621-6150 for details and eligibility.