



## Help Paying for Childcare

Childcare helps parents earn while children learn and the cost of quality childcare is expensive. Subsidized childcare helps lower income families by covering their childcare costs. The following are childcare assistance options in El Dorado County.

- 1. The CalWorks Program** helps pay for childcare for families who are receiving public assistance or have received it in the last 24 months and have a qualifying need for childcare. Contact: 530-573-3200
- 2. The Catalyst Community Alternative Payment Program** provides payment assistance to income eligible parents who have a qualifying need for care. Enrolled parents may select a center, family child care home, or license exempt provider. To access the program a parent must show proof of receiving CalWorks cash aid within the last 24 months or complete the Catalyst Community wait list application. Submitting a wait list application is not a guarantee of services. Contact: 530-541-5848
- 3. The El Dorado County Office of Education** offers no cost State Preschool and Head Start programs to income eligible families with children 3-5 years. These are part day center based preschool programs with the possibility of wrapping services to include morning and afternoon programs. Programs are available at a variety of locations throughout the county. Contact: 530-543-8200.
- 4. Child Care Centers** offering Department of Education general funding and/or state preschool for income eligible families with children ages birth to entering kindergarten. Each center accepts children of different ages and must be called individually for payment assistance information or to be placed on a waiting list.

- **Catalyst Kids:**

Ages: 3 years to entering Kindergarten

Hours: M- F 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

3441 Spruce Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

530-541-5887

- **Lake Tahoe Community College Child Development Center:**

Ages: infants to entering Kindergarten

Hours: M-F, 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM & Monday evenings  
for students

One College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

530-541-4660 ext 288

**5. Community Resources-** Agencies that offer food, clothing, housing, medical, and energy assistance. See Community Resource List.