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CALAVERAS COUNTY CHILD CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE 2014

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Through a subcontract with the Calaveras County Office of Education, The Resource Connection administers the Calaveras Child Care Council. The council works collaboratively with community stakeholders to determine local community child care needs through the development of a needs assessments and county-wide child care plan. The council plays a role in developing affordable, accessible, quality child care for families in Calaveras County.

Mission

The Council's mission is to "... support the development of affordable, accessible, quality child care which promotes the success of all children, their families, and the economy of our communities."

History

In the early 1990's, the Calaveras County Local Child Care Planning Council (LCCPC), was established to develop local priorities for child care through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). The Council was informal and met only on an "as needed" basis. In 1997, AB 1542 was passed and the law mandated that each county in California establish a formal Local Child Care Planning Council. The new law mandated the involvement of both the County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools. More specific responsibilities and mandates were added to law as part of the legislation.

The Calaveras Child Care Council (CCCC) is responsible for providing a forum to identify the child care priorities of families in Calaveras County and to develop policies to meet those needs. When State or Federal legislation does not identify specific target populations or geographic areas to be served in allocating child development expansion funds, The California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division, will use the identified priorities for the purpose of allocating new State and Federal funds the county. The priorities shall be identified in a manner that ensures that all child care needs within the county area are met to the greatest extent possible. To accomplish this, the CCCC is responsible for a number of tasks, one of which is to conduct an assessment of child care needs at least once every five years.

Approach and Methodology

This 2014 study presents an update of the 2008 Calaveras County Needs Assessment at the county level only. The update incorporates a new template developed by the Child Care Coordinators Association to assist local planning councils in preparing needs assessments. The template suggested by the association is provided in **Attachment A**. The underlying data and a summary description of that data including sources are provided in **Attachment B**. This report uses data and information that is readily available from various public agencies (as provided) and on the internet. No primary data was collected for this effort, such as surveys. Data is presented for the most current year or time frame available, which ranges from 2012 to 2014.

Status of Children and Child Care as of 2014

- ◆ **Total Children 0 to 12:** 5,168 or 11.5% of total population in 2014.
 - 985 children 0 to 2 years old or 19.1% of total 0 to 12 children
 - 1,001 children 3 to 5 years old or 19.4% of total 0 to 12 children¹
 - 3,183 children 6 to 12 years old or 61.9% of total 0 to 12 children

- ◆ **Ethnicity:** 74% Caucasian, 18% Hispanic, 1% Asian, 1% African American, 1% American Indian/Alaska Native, and 5% multi-racial.

- ◆ **Labor Force Participation Rate of Working Parents:** children under 6 years old: 53% and children over 6 years old: 71%.

- ◆ **Non-English Language Spoken:** 6.2% Spanish and 8 other languages spoken with less than one percent each; in total 6.8% of children in grades K-12 speak a foreign language.

- ◆ **Child Care Facilities or Providers:** 63 total
 - 19 small family child care homes
 - 15 large family child care homes
 - 6 private child care centers
 - 4 license-exempt centers
 - 19 public agency programs/sites, including CUSD, CCOE, Head Start and Early Head Start Programs

- ◆ **Estimated Supply:** 1,138 total child care spaces
 - 127 infant spaces (11% of supply)
 - 580 preschool spaces (51% of supply)
 - 431 school age spaces (38% of supply)

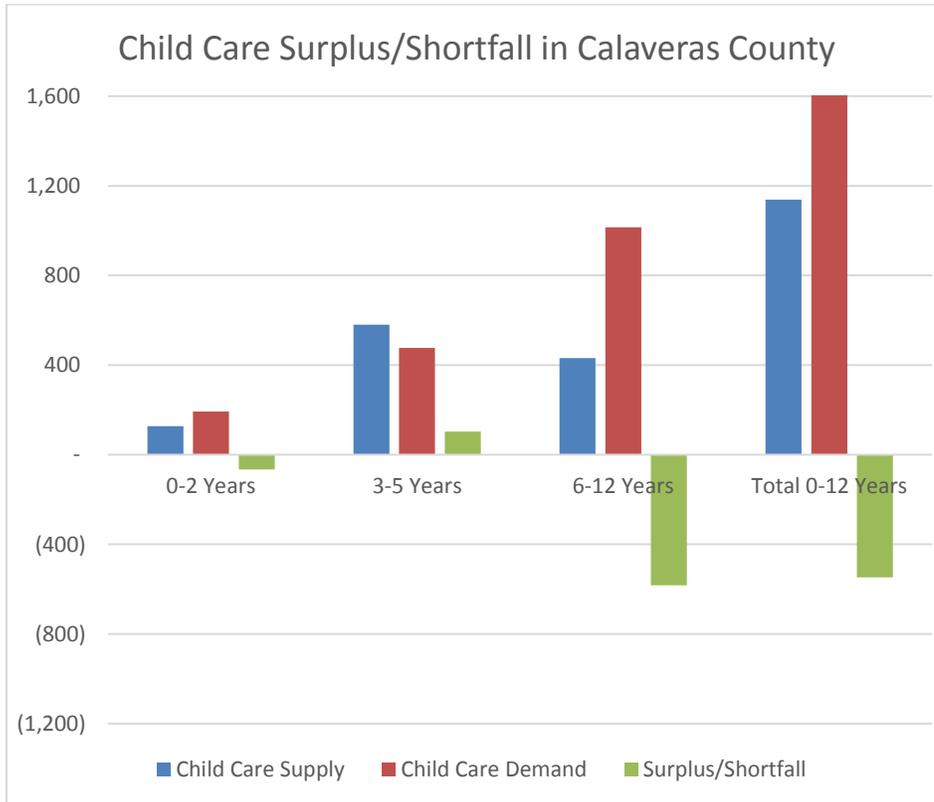
- ◆ **Estimated Demand:** 1,540 total child care spaces
 - 193 infant spaces needed (11% of demand)
 - 477 preschool spaces needed (28% of demand)
 - 1,014 school age spaces needed (60% of demand)

- ◆ **Child Care Gap:** Shortfall of 547 spaces
 - Overall, 68% of demand is being met
 - Infant: 66 space Shortfall
 - Preschool: 103 space Surplus
 - School Age: 583 space Shortfall

¹ For this study, 25% of 5 year olds are included in the 6 to 12 year old category, to account for Transitional Kindergarten children.

- Preschool care has a surplus overall, countywide although individual areas may still have a shortfall.
- Infant and School Age care all show significant shortfalls, with about 34%, and 57% of demand not met, respectively.

The following Chart summarizes the supply and demand for child care by age.



- ◆ **Subsidized Child Care Spaces:** 575 spaces or 9.8% of children, 0 to 12
 - **Center-based Care:** 88 children receiving subsidies 0 to 12 years
 - **Family Child Care Home Network:** 0 children receiving subsidy from this program
 - **CalWORKs Stage 1, 2 and 3:** 83 children being served by these three programs, ages 0 to 12
 - **California State Preschool:** 104 children 3 to 5 years old served
 - **Alternative Payment:** 143 children receiving some form of child care subsidy support
 - **Head Start:** 129 children enrolled in the Head Start program countywide, or 12% of total children ages 3-5, countywide

- **Early Head Start:** 28 children participating in the Early Head Start program, or 3% of total children, ages 0-2, countywide

- ◆ **Children with Special Needs:** 359 children have identified special needs and participate in school district special education services (i.e., ISPs or IEPs).
 - 75 children 0 to 12 served by Regional Centers or 1.5% of all children 0 to 12 years old.

 - 359 children, 0 to 12 years old identified with disabilities by the State Department of Education and Regional Center or 6.9% of total children 0 to 12.

- ◆ **Public Assistance:** 847 children receiving public assistance through CalWORKs ages 0 to 17, countywide
 - 530 children 0 to 12 years old receive CalWORKs or 10% of all children 0 to 12, countywide

- ◆ **Child Protective Services:** 101 children active with Child Protective Services (2013), or about 0.2% of total children countywide.

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