

Tulare County Office of Education

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Early Care & Education in Tulare County:

Vast Unmet Need, Urgent Parent Demands & Collaborative Solutions

Early Care and Education (ECE) is care provided by someone other than a child's parent or primary care giver.

Data shown are from the 2024 Tulare County ECE Needs Assessment, unless otherwise referenced.

ECE Boosts:



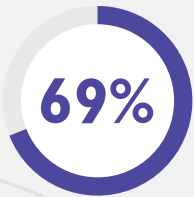
High School Graduation



College Attendance

Source: ReadyNation.org, Business Case for Early Childhood Investments, 2012

Tulare County parents need ECE, especially during non-traditional hours



Need ECE to Go to Work



Need ECE to Go to School or Get Training

“High-quality childcare drives the U.S. economy by allowing more adults to enter and stay in the workforce, providing a critical boost to businesses.”

– Maple, Harvard Business Review, 2023

Without ECE:



of parents miss at least 1 workday per year



of parents miss 5 or more workdays per year



47%

Parents say ECE costs too much

Most Parents Do Not Have the ECE They Need

6%



94%

Only 0.3 of 5 Infants & Toddlers have ECE
19,895 ARE WITHOUT ECE

With ECE

32%



68%

Only 1.6 of 5 Preschoolers have ECE
14,680 ARE WITHOUT ECE

Without ECE

19%



81%

Only 0.9 of 5 School Age Children have ECE
45,768 ARE WITHOUT ECE

Did you know?

24%

of children ages 0-5 have an available ECE space (10,924 spaces for 46,000 children)

50%

of ECE workers cannot afford the basic cost of living in their community (such as housing, food, and ECE they provide for others)

How can we make it possible for all children to get great ECE in Tulare County?

Improve communication, understanding, and collaboration within the ECE sector

Increase awareness and education for parents about the importance of ECE



Increase advocacy for ECE salaries and workforce



Increase awareness about ECE throughout Tulare County



Increase advocacy for ECE at the state level



The Tulare County Council on Child and Youth Development seeks to advocate for ECE that is available, of high quality, and affordable for all children!

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For more information or references, please see the 2024 Tulare County ECE Needs Assessment available at <http://www.tularecountykids.org>

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