



PARENT-POWERED CHILD CARE

SOLUTIONS FOR FAMILIES

SAN MATEO COUNTY

START A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME

WORK FROM HOME!

Did you know that you can receive a license to care for **up to 14 children in your own home**, whether you rent or own a house, apartment, or mobile home (and earn a living while doing it)? The number of children in your care will depend on their ages, how long you have been licensed, and whether you will hire an assistant. If you rent, you must inform your landlord of your plans; however, in most cases your landlord is prohibited by law from stopping your operation of a family child care home.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Several organizations assist individuals with starting their own **in-home child care businesses**, including navigating health and safety requirements, licensing, and even enrollment and family payments. See "Local Resources" to the right for more information.

FAMILY, FRIEND & NEIGHBOR CARE

You do not need a license to informally care for children of relatives or one other family. Some children are also eligible to receive **child care subsidies from the State of California**. For information about subsidies, contact the 4Cs.

CREATE A PARENT CO-OPERATIVE

In co-ops, groups of parents take turns caring for up to 12 children in their home or another shared space. Co-ops are license-exempt as long as families **don't exchange payment for care**.

"Pandemic pods" are a type of co-op that include small groups of children participating in their schools' **distance learning programs**. Check the latest group-size and other health requirements at www.smchealth.org/coronavirus.

LOCAL RESOURCES

4CS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

Contact 4Cs for information about:

- Individual **child care referrals** and an online list of currently available child care
- **Subsidized child care** and how to apply for a child care voucher
- Types of child care, including **license-exempt care** and **TrustLine** (a fee-based registry for caregiver background checks)
- **COVID-19** as it relates to child care

Call 650.517.1400 or visit sanmateo4cs.org.



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