



Build Up
San Mateo County

A multi-sector initiative designed to preserve, expand and improving the supply of child care facilities in San Mateo County



The Challenge

San Mateo County has a child care shortage crisis affecting families' economic opportunities, and children's learning.

17,000 spaces are needed for children ages 0-12 of all incomes levels, with this number rising to 22,000 in 2032

Build Up aims to make sure every child can attend high-quality, affordable, accessible, safe, and climate-resilient child care facilities.



The Build Up Approach

- Reuse/re-designate existing space.
- Prioritize child care in future developments.
- Engage local employers with solutions to employees' child care needs.
- Generate revenue for facility development.
- Improve public policy to better support child care. Provide technical assistance for facility development.



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Our work is having an impact

Through Build Up advocacy and technical assistance, **more than 1,600 new child care and preschool spaces are being developed.** Another **700 have been saved from closure.** Our **2020 goal is 3,000 new spaces.**



Contact us to learn more

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