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Preschool Services, and Infant/Toddler and School-Age  
Child Care and Development Services*

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# The State sets the process for assigning Priorities

- CA Welfare and Institutions Code mandates that Local Planning Councils identify local priorities for distribution of new state funding for child care/preschool.
- The state sets the process for determining the subsidized child care priorities.
  - No local discretion to revise the priorities.
- The Local Planning Council and the County Board of Supervisors must approve the priorities.
- The priorities reflect the gap between the number of children who are eligible for subsidized child care/preschool and the supply in each zip code.
- Priorities are determined using both a number and a percentage of unserved children with thresholds for the size of the county.
  - For San Mateo County, that is over 200,000 but less than 1,000,000 residents.



# The Priority Setting Protocol

The state prescribes the following process for assigning a priority designation to each zip code:

- **Priority 1:** 40% or more of eligible children underserved, and more than 150 children (for infant/toddler and preschool) or more than 200 children (school age) underserved.
- **Priority 2:** 25% or more of eligible children underserved, and more than 75 children (infant/toddler and preschool) or more than 100 children (school age) underserved.
- **Priority 3:**
  - *Option 1:* 25% or more of eligible children underserved, and more than 50 children underserved.
  - *Option 2:* All other zip codes in the county.\*
  - *Option 3:* No other zip codes in the county.

\*Consistent with prior practice, and to ensure that every zip code is assigned a priority designation, the Council recommends using *Option 2*.



# Priorities show largest gaps between supply and need

- The proposed priorities reflect the areas with the largest gap between the number of children in families with lower incomes and the number of subsidized spaces.
- You may be surprised that some communities, like 94303/East Palo Alto, are a Priority 3 for Preschool – this reflects the positive efforts our community has achieved in building the subsidized preschool supply in that community.
- In contrast, a community like 94010/Burlingame, is a Priority 1 for preschool because there are only subsidized spaces for 8% of the hundreds of income-eligible children in that zip code.



# Data used to determine Priorities

- **To determine the *need*:** American Community Survey data by zip code to estimate the number of children eligible for State Funded Services and Head Start
- **To determine the *supply*:** State data and other available zip code level data to determine the number and percentage of eligible children served/not served by State Funded Services or Head Start



# Priorities for Subsidized

# In fant / Toddler Care

Zip Code	City	Priority Designation
94002	Belmont	1
94010	Burlingame	1
94014	Daly City	1
94015	Daly City	1
94025	Menlo Park	1
94030	Millbrae	1
94044	Pacifica	1
94061	Redwood City	1
94062	Redwood City	1
94063	Redwood City	1
94066	San Bruno	1
94070	San Carlos	1
94080	South San Francisco	1
94303	East Palo Alto	1
94401	San Mateo	1

Zip Code	City	Priority Designation
94027	Atherton/NFO	2
94028	Portola Valley	2
94402	San Mateo	2
94403	San Mateo	2
94404	Foster City	2
94005	Brisbane	3
94019	Half Moon Bay	3
94020	La Honda	3
94021	Loma Mar	3
94037	Montara	3
94038	Moss Beach	3
94060	Pescadero	3
94065	Redwood City	3
94074	San Gregorio	3



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94070	San Carlos	1
94080	South San Francisco	1
94403	San Mateo	1
94404	Foster City	1
94002	Belmont	2
94030	Millbrae	2
94063	Redwood City	2
94402	San Mateo	2

## Preschool

Zip Code	City	Priority Designation
94005	Brisbane	3
94019	Half Moon Bay	3
94020	La Honda	3
94021	Loma Mar	3
94027	Atherton/NFO	3
94028	Portola Valley	3
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# School Age Care

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94027	Atherton, NFO	2
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94021	Loma Mar	3
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94038	Moss Beach	3
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94074	San Gregorio	3

