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Services, and Infant-Toddler and School-Age Child Care and
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The State sets the process for assigning Priorities

- CA Education code mandates that Local Planning Councils identify local priorities for distribution of new state funding for child care/preschool.
- CA Department of Education sets the process for determining the subsidized child care priorities.
 - No local discretion to revise the priorities.
- CDE requires that the priorities be approved by the Local Planning Council and the County Board of Supervisors.
- 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.



CDE sets the process, continued...

Pursuant to Management Bulletin 15-04, CDE 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 with low family 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 17% 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*:** CDE 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

Changes Since 2014

The following significant changes to the process have been made since 2014, leading to changes in priority rankings in some zip codes:

1. CDE raised income ceiling for eligibility for subsidized child care, making more families eligible and increasing number of underserved children.
 - In 2014, the income cutoff was at 70% of the 2005 State Median Income (\$42,216 annual income for a family of three). Currently, the income cutoff is 85% of 2017 State Median Income (\$69,620 annual income for a family of three).
2. CDE changed the threshold for Priority 1 and Priority 2 designation: In 2014, a zip code needed to have 200 infant/toddlers or preschoolers underserved to be designated a Priority 1; now lowered to 150 underserved children.
 - This caused 4 zip codes to move up in priority level.
3. Previously some discretion to change the priority designation based on knowledge and understanding of local community. Beginning in 2015, LPCS no longer afforded such discretion.
 - This caused the 2 zip codes to move from a Priority 2 designation to a Priority 3.



Priorities for Subsidized Infant/Toddler Care

Zip Code	City	Priority Designation
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
94002	Belmont	2
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
94037	Montara	3
94038	Moss Beach	3
94060	Pescadero	3
94065	Redwood City	3
94074	San Gregorio	3



Priorities for Subsidized Preschool

Zip Code	City	Priority Designation
94010	Burlingame	1
94014	Daly City	1
94015	Daly City	1
94025	Menlo Park	1
94044	Pacifica	1
94062	Redwood City	1
94080	South San Francisco	1
94403	San Mateo	1
94404	Foster City	1
94002	Belmont	2
94030	Millbrae	2
94066	San Bruno	2
94070	San Carlos	2
94402	San Mateo	2

Zip Code	City	Priority Designation
94005	Brisbane	3
94019	Half Moon Bay	3
94020	La Honda	3
94027	Atherton/NFO	3
94028	Portola Valley	3
94037	Montara	3
94038	Moss Beach	3
94060	Pescadero	3
94061	Redwood City	3
94063	Redwood City	3
94065	Redwood City	3
94074	San Gregorio	3
94303	East Palo Alto	3
94401	San Mateo	3



Priorities for Subsidized School Age Care

Zip Code	City	Priority Designation
94002	Belmont	1
94010	Burlingame	1
94014	Daly City	1
94015	Daly City	1
94019	Half Moon Bay	1
94025	Menlo Park	1
94028	Portola Valley	1
94030	Millbrae	1
94044	Pacifica	1
94061	Redwood City	1
94062	Redwood City	1
94063	Redwood City	1
94065	Redwood City	1
94066	San Bruno	1
94070	San Carlos	1
94080	South San Francisco	1
94401	San Mateo	1
94402	San Mateo	1
94403	San Mateo	1
94404	Foster City	1

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94005	Brisbane	2
94027	Atherton, NFO	2
94303	East Palo Alto	2
94020	La Honda	3
94037	Montara	3
94038	Moss Beach	3
94060	Pescadero	3
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