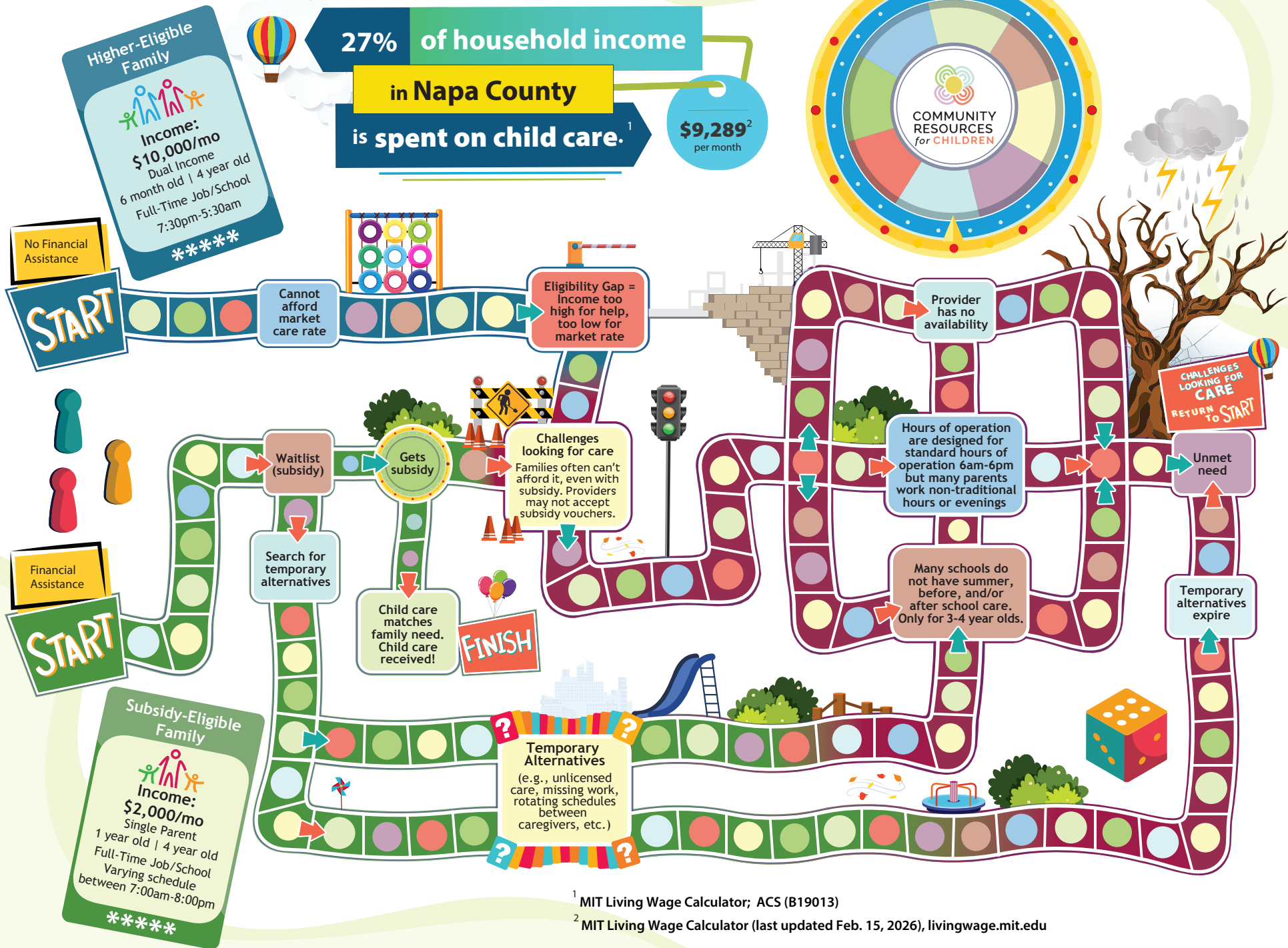


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¹ MIT Living Wage Calculator; ACS (B19013)

² MIT Living Wage Calculator (last updated Feb. 15, 2026), livingwage.mit.edu

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Now is the time to expand and strengthen the community-based child care system, so families can access the care that meets their unique needs.

The system provides licensed spaces for only
1 in 4 children
with working parents³

Child care costs more than in-state college tuition
Child Care (1 child): **\$15,794/year**
Napa Valley College : **\$1,380/year**
In-state:

Child Care (2 children): **\$30,028/year** = 27% of their income

6,966 working caregivers of children under 5 in Napa County.⁴

Napa County County specific data	\$111,471 Median yearly income (before taxes) in Napa County. ⁵
584 Available Licensed Home Spaces ⁶ 2,151 Available Licensed Center Spaces	556 Children are enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) ⁷ TK expansion reduced the licensed child care workforce, shrinking available supply for infants, toddlers, and families who need non-traditional hours.

The current child care system is unable to meet demand.

Community Resources for Children Agency specific data representing a portion of Napa County	55 Families on the waitlist at Community Resources for Children. Many are on the waitlist for years.
310 Providers available for referral	918 Subsidized Licensed Spaces Family Child Care Homes
109 Licensed Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies 201 License-Exempt Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies	2,136 Subsidized Licensed Spaces Center-Based

Even when care is available, cost and other barriers can make it difficult for families to access care.

³ Child Care Aware of America

⁵ ACS 2024 B19013

⁴ ACS 2024 B23008

⁶ California Community Care Licensing Division (CCL)

⁷ California Department of Education (CDE)