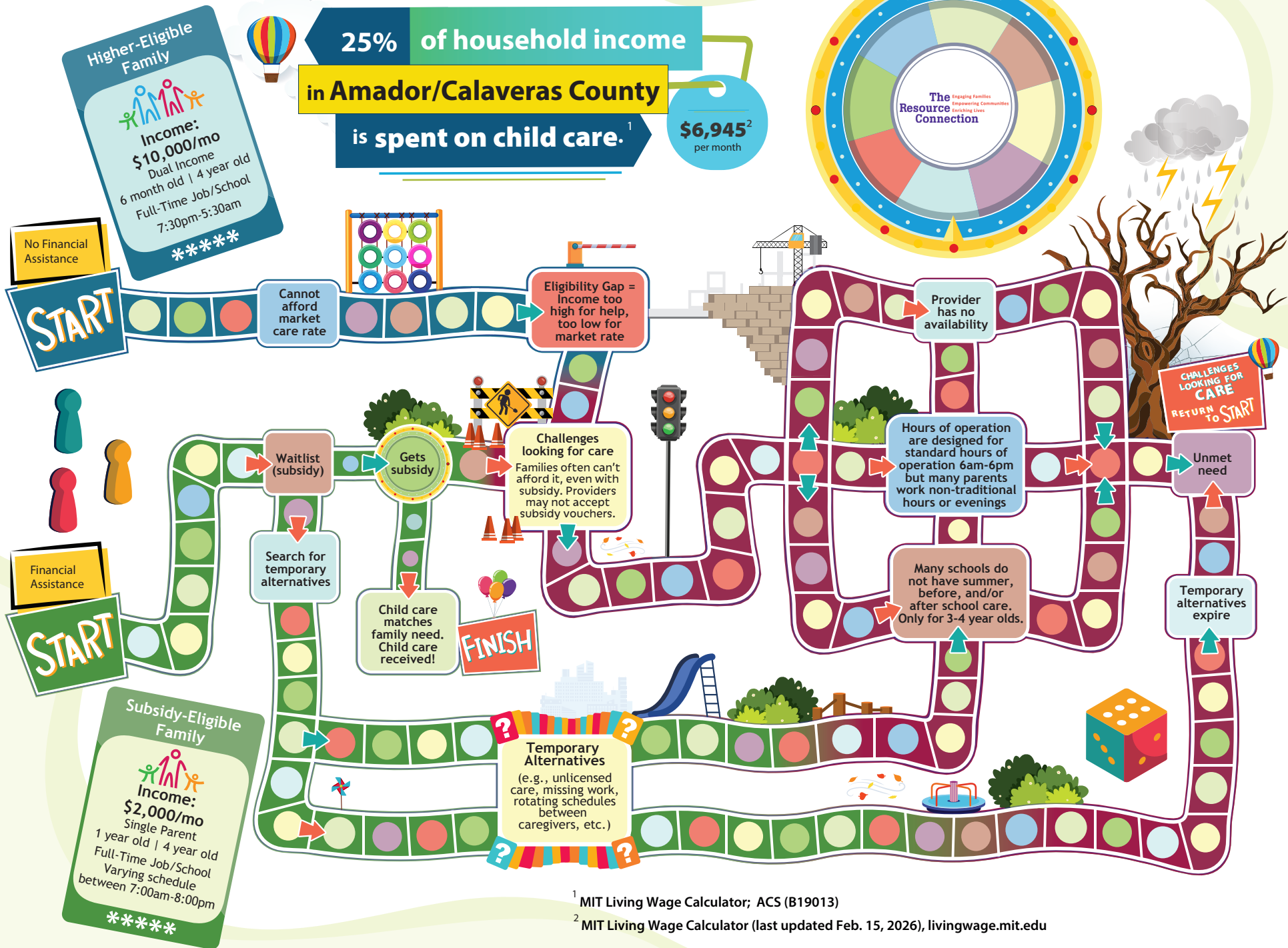


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¹ MIT Living Wage Calculator; ACS (B19013)

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

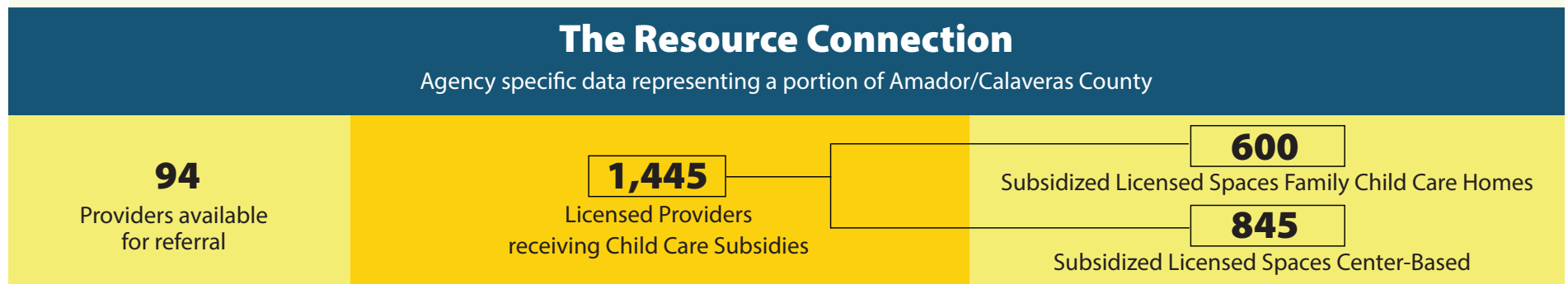
Child care costs more than in-state college tuition
Child Care (1 child): **\$11,425/year**
Columbia College : **\$1,380/year**
In-state:

Child Care (2 children): **\$20,625/year** = 25% of their income

2,070 working caregivers of children under 5 in Amador/Calaveras County.⁴

Amador/Calaveras County County specific data	\$83,346 Median yearly income (before taxes) in Amador/Calaveras County. ⁵
168 Available Licensed Home Spaces ⁶ 461 Available Licensed Center Spaces	120 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.



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)