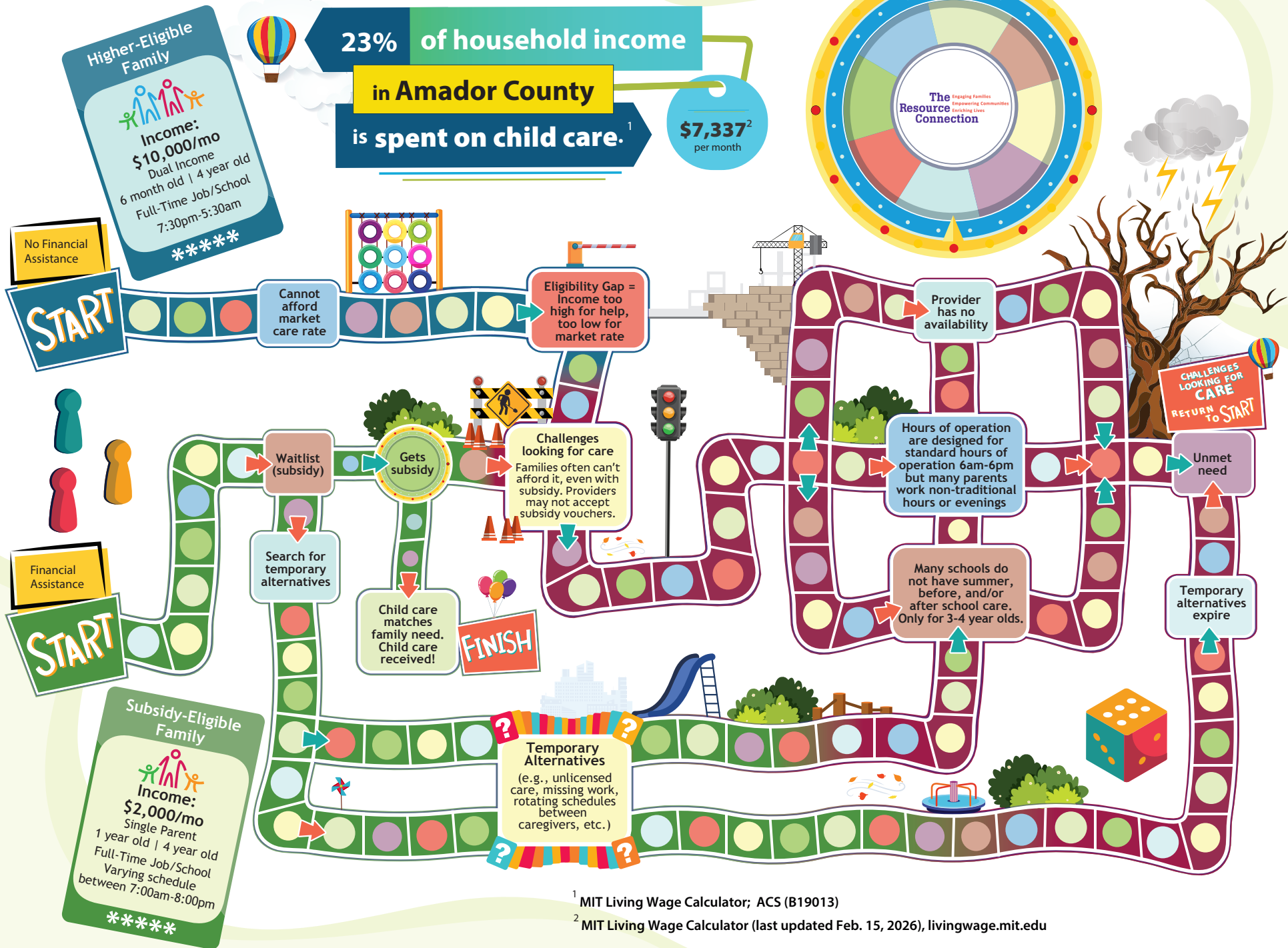


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Now is the time to expand and strengthen the community-based child care system, so families can access the care that meets their unique needs.

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): **\$11,126/year**
Columbia College : **\$1,380/year**
In-state:

Child Care (2 children): **\$19,817/year** = 23% of their income

1,988 working caregivers of children under 5 in Amador County.⁴

Amador County County specific data	\$88,044 Median yearly income (before taxes) in Amador County. ⁵
168 Available Licensed Home Spaces ⁶ 380 Available Licensed Center Spaces	122 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.

The Resource Connection-Amador Agency specific data representing a portion of Amador County		
41 Providers available for referral	638 Licensed Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies	290 Subsidized Licensed Spaces Family Child Care Homes 348 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)