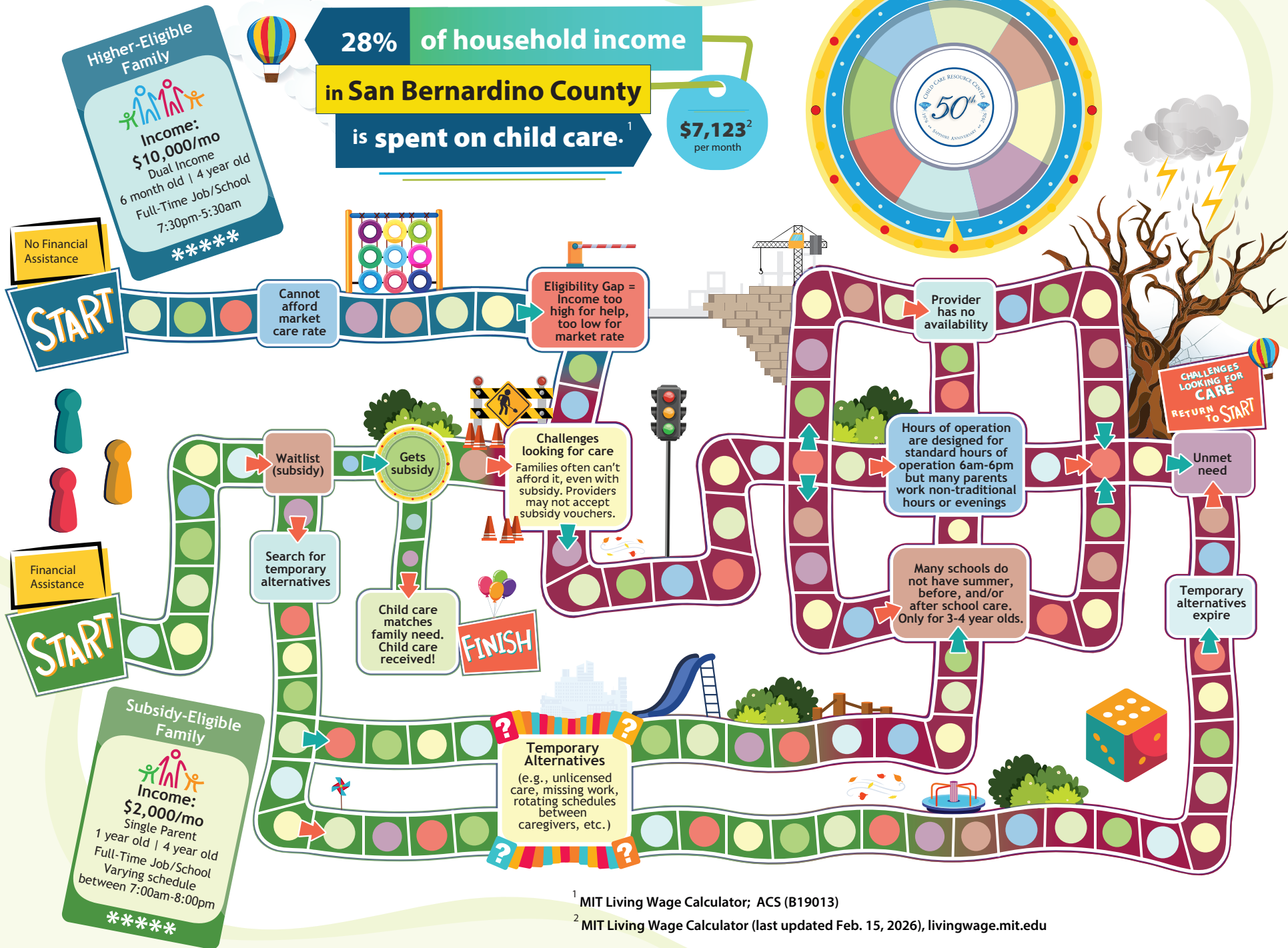


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¹ MIT Living Wage Calculator; ACS (B19013)

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): **\$13,227/year**
CSU San Bernardino:
In-state: **\$6,084/year**

Child Care (2 children): **\$23,563/year** = 28% of their income

155,782 working caregivers of children under 5 in San Bernardino County.⁴

San Bernardino County County specific data	\$85,478 Median yearly income (before taxes) in San Bernardino County. ⁵
6,540 Available Licensed Home Spaces ⁶ 29,972 Available Licensed Center Spaces	10,791 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.

CCRC San Bernardino Agency specific data representing a portion of San Bernardino County	7,889 Families on the waitlist at CCRC San Bernardino. Many are on the waitlist for years.
5,681 Providers available for referral	940 Licensed Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies 2,446 License-Exempt Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies
	7,568 Subsidized Licensed Spaces Family Child Care Homes 18,099 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)