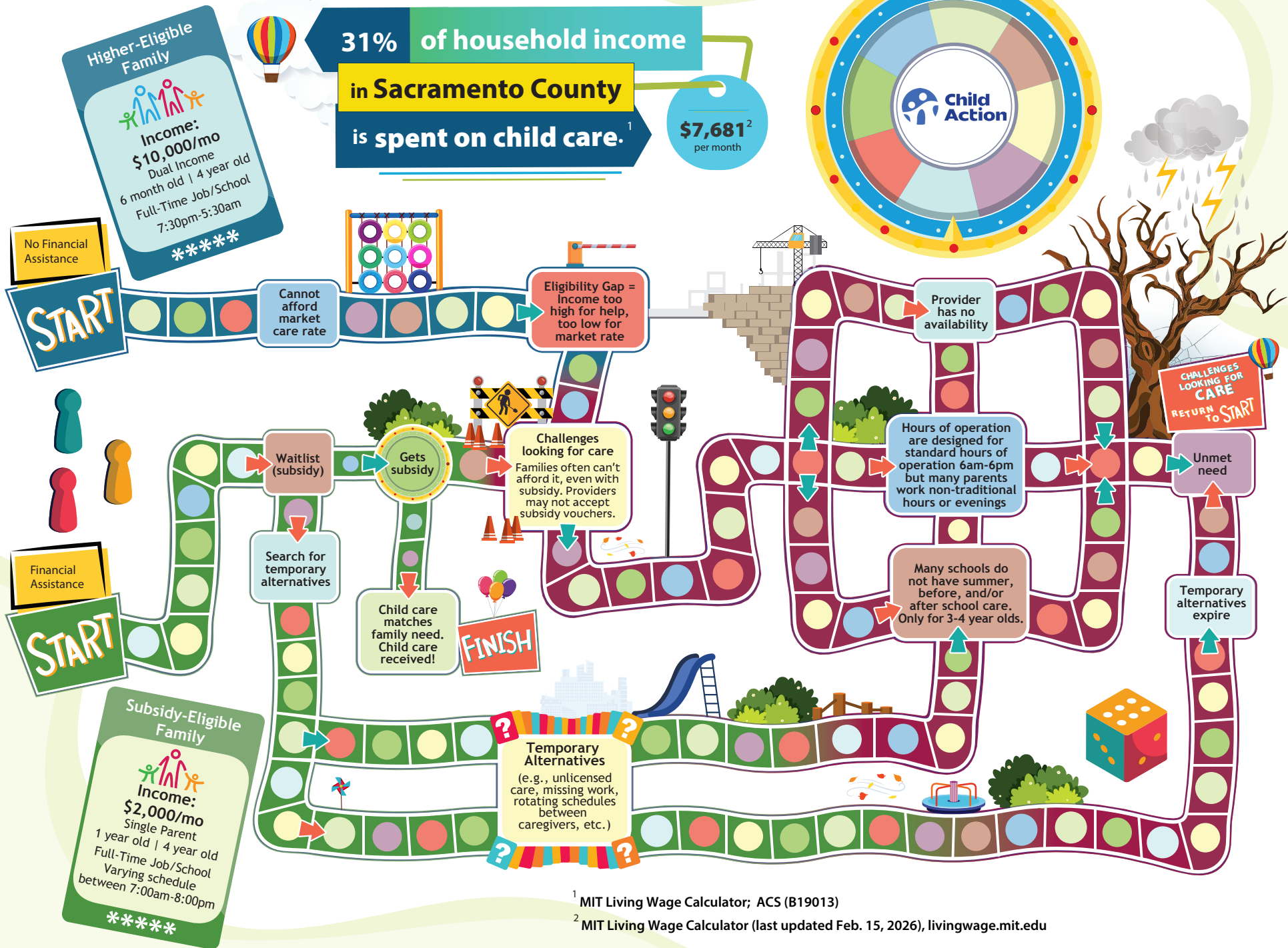


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Now is the time to expand and strengthen the community-based child care system, so families can access the care that meets their unique needs.

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 Sacramento In-state: **\$6,084/year**

Child Care (2 children): **\$28,792/year** = 31% of their income

105,641 working caregivers of children under 5 in Sacramento County.⁴

Sacramento County County specific data	\$92,175 Median yearly income (before taxes) in Sacramento County. ⁵
10,350 Available Licensed Home Spaces ⁶ 34,432 Available Licensed Center Spaces	6,423 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.

Child Action		3,244	
Agency specific data representing a portion of Sacramento County		Families on the waitlist at Child Action. Many are on the waitlist for years.	
3,255 Providers available for referral	2,051 Licensed Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies	27,722 Subsidized Licensed Spaces Family Child Care Homes	
	2,245 License-Exempt Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies	35,371 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)