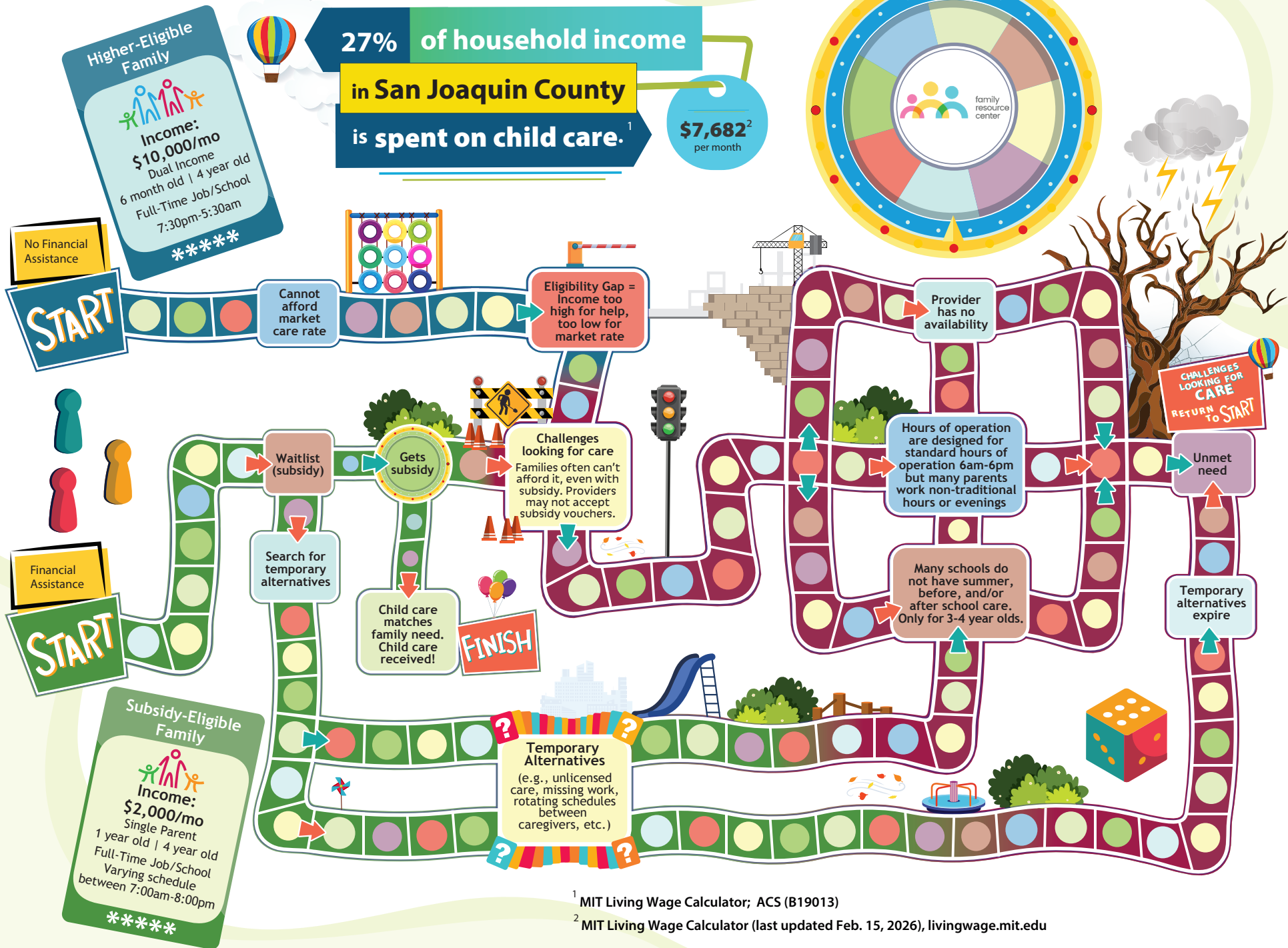


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¹ MIT Living Wage Calculator; ACS (B19013)

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): **\$14,121/year**
CSU Stanislaus In-state: **\$6,084/year**

Child Care (2 children): **\$25,183/year** = 27% of their income

58,763 working caregivers of children under 5 in San Joaquin County.⁴

San Joaquin County County specific data	\$92,179 Median yearly income (before taxes) in San Joaquin County. ⁵
4,666 Available Licensed Home Spaces ⁶ 12,010 Available Licensed Center Spaces	4,122 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.

Family Resource Center Agency specific data representing a portion of San Joaquin County		2,145 Families on the waitlist at Family Resource Center. Many are on the waitlist for years.	
980 Providers available for referral	620 Licensed Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies	7,666 Subsidized Licensed Spaces Family Child Care Homes	
	2,739 License-Exempt Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies	7,463 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)