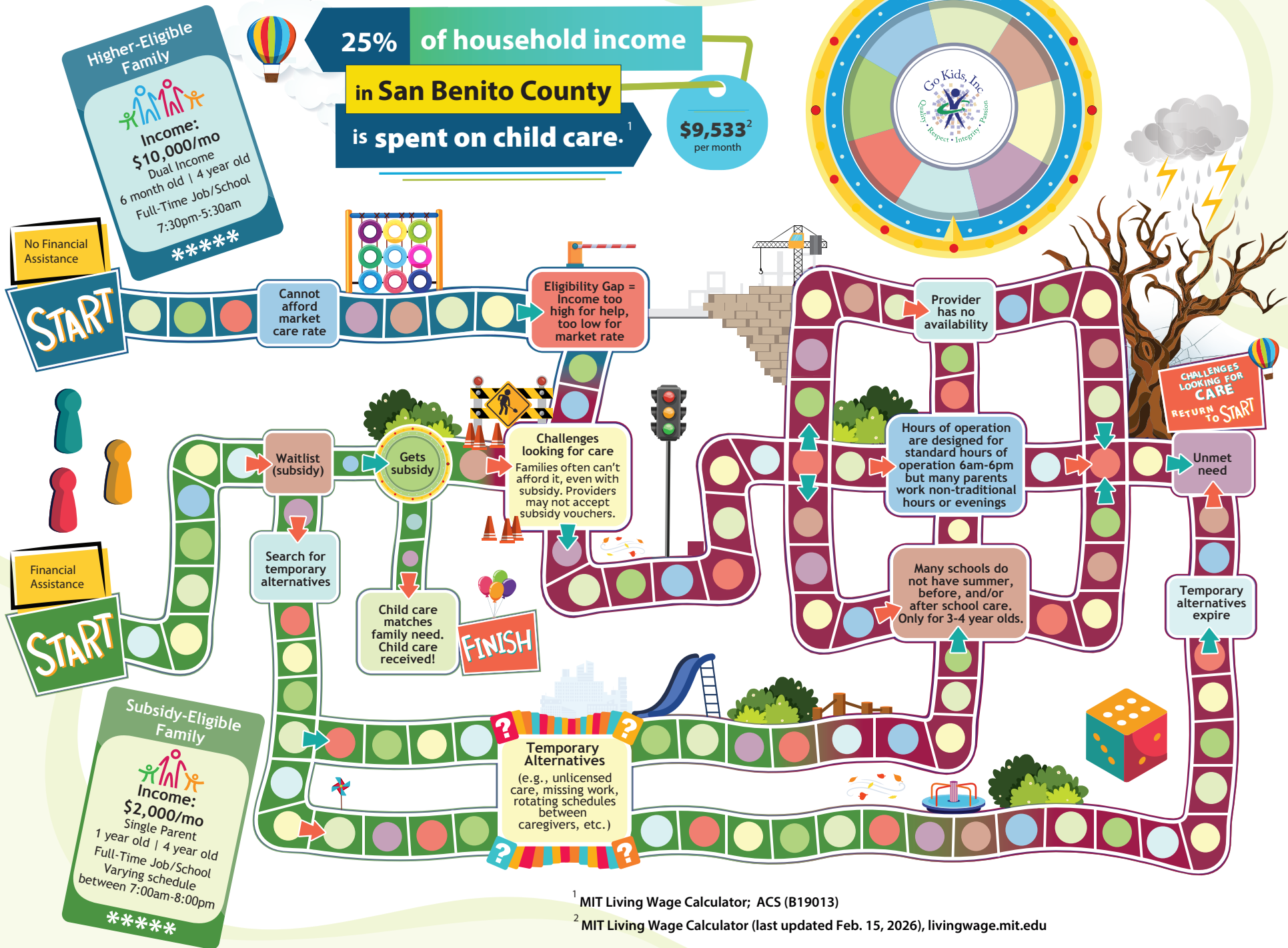


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¹ MIT Living Wage Calculator; ACS (B19013)

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): **\$13,789/year**
CSU Monterey Bay : **\$6,084/year**
In-state

Child Care (2 children): **\$28,965/year** = 25% of their income

5,060 working caregivers of children under 5 in San Benito County.⁴

San Benito County	
County specific data	\$114,394 Median yearly income (before taxes) in San Benito County. ⁵
726 Available Licensed Home Spaces ⁶ 843 Available Licensed Center Spaces	360 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.

Go Kids, Inc		4,433	
Agency specific data representing a portion of San Benito County		Families on the waitlist at Go Kids, Inc. Many are on the waitlist for years.	
121	641	352	
Providers available for referral	Licensed Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies	License-Exempt Providers receiving Child Care Subsidies	

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)