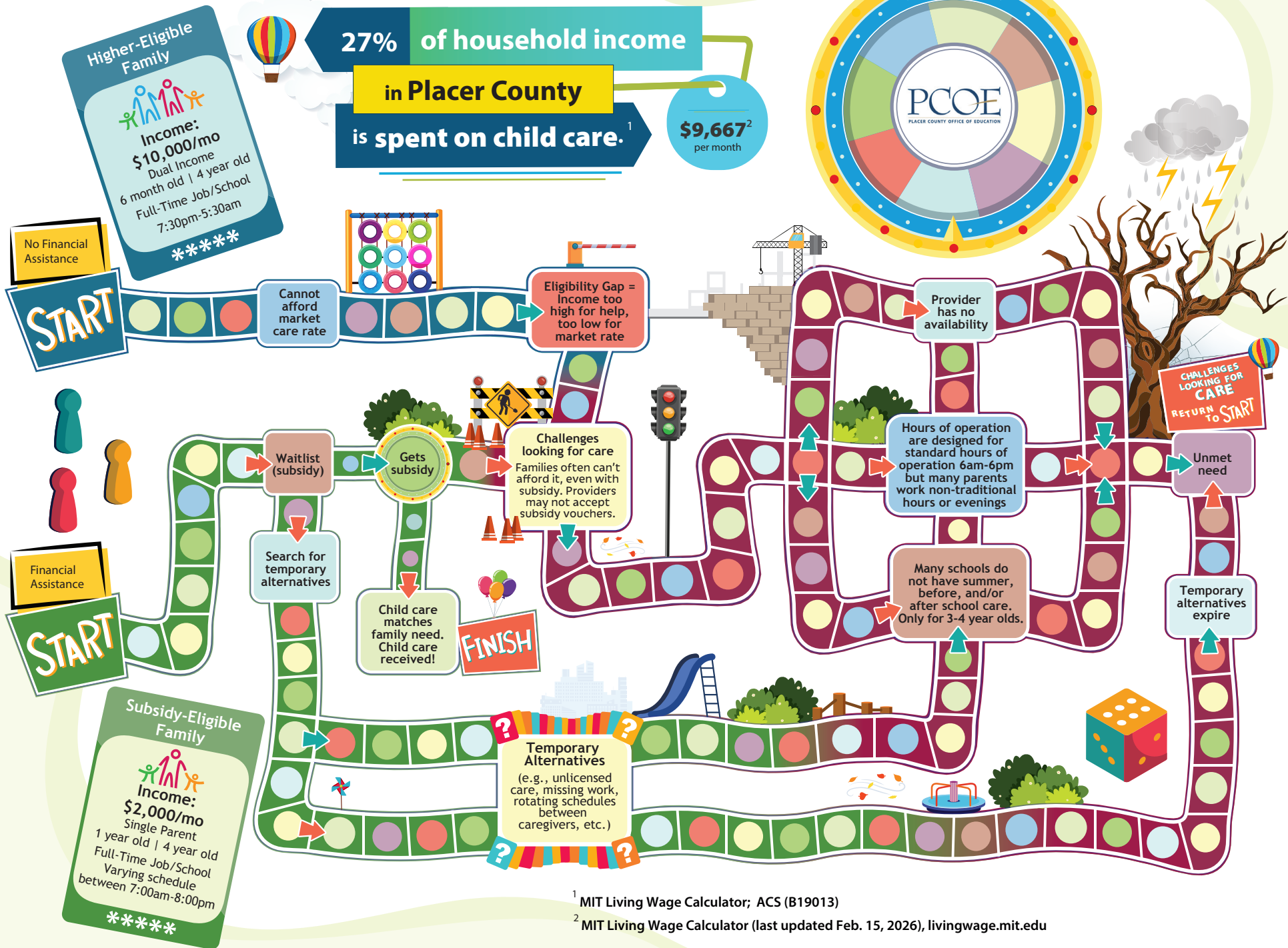


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¹ MIT Living Wage Calculator; ACS (B19013)

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): **\$17,717/year**
CSU Sacramento In-state: **\$6,084/year**

Child Care (2 children): **\$31,618/year** = 27% of their income

24,480 working caregivers of children under 5 in Placer County.⁴

Placer County	
County specific data	\$115,998 Median yearly income (before taxes) in Placer County. ⁵
2,156 Available Licensed Home Spaces ⁶ 12,561 Available Licensed Center Spaces	2,390 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.

Placer COE		529	
Agency specific data representing a portion of Placer County		Families on the waitlist at Placer COE. Many are on the waitlist for years.	
543	345	180	
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)