

# Accessing Affordable Childcare

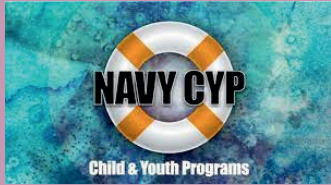
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# Factsheet



This month, we focus on accessing affordable childcare through our theme of educating, engaging, and empowering. Thank you to our panelists and their organizations for all they do.

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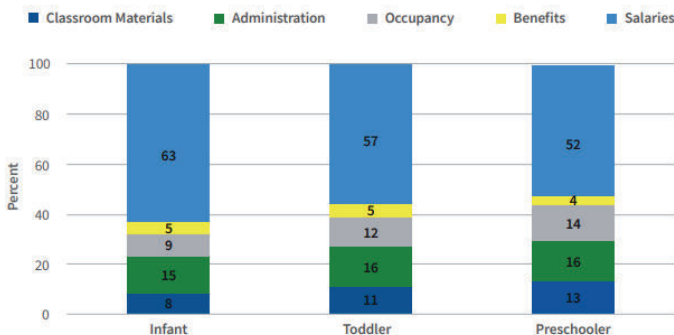
## Did You know?

## Facts and Numbers

The average U.S. family with at least one child under 5 years old must spend 13 percent of its income on child care, the U.S. Treasury Department estimated in a 2021 report.

The income limits to qualify for subsidized childcare are so low that most young children can't access it. Only about 37 percent of California children under 4 years old met the criteria to get it in 2020, according to an analysis of the latest estimates available from the American Institutes for Research Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool.

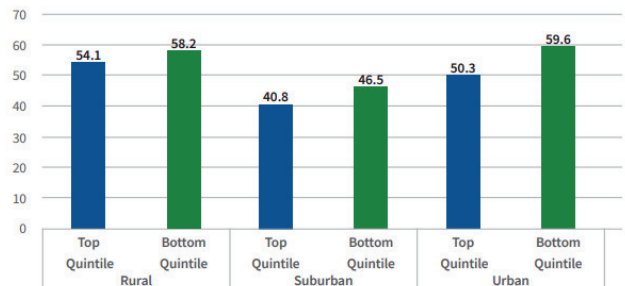
Figure 3. Breakdown of Child Care Program Expenses by Child Age



SOURCE: Center for American Progress

Figure 4: Prevalence of Child Care Deserts by Income Quintile

Share of census tracts that are child care deserts, by ubanicity and median family income quintile (percent)



SOURCE: Center for American Progress



## Speaker Bios

### Jeana Kuhn Navy Region Southwest

My name is Jeana Kuhn, I am the Regional School Liaison for Navy Region Southwest. I have worked with Child and Youth Programs (CYP) for close to 20 years. My background in Child and Youth comes from being a Youth Director, Trainer, Family Childcare Supervisor, and Youth Programs. Prior to transitioning to Regional School Liaison I was the Program Analyst for CYP. Outside my work experience, I grew up in a military family and utilized a lot of our services. I look forward to learning and working with everyone in our community and providing resources for our Military Families.



### Chelsea Hernandez Neighborhood House Association

Chelsea Hernandez is a highly dedicated Home-Based Floater, bringing over a decade of enriching experience to her role, serving both the Services to Expectant Families and Early Head Start Home Base Programs at the Neighborhood House Association. Chelsea's primary focus is on providing educationally stimulating opportunities that foster the growth and development of children and families with a diverse background. She has worked with military children spanning from infants to school-aged, served as an early interventionist helping children meet their Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) goals, and served as a family engagement manager for a non-profit program addressing child abuse and neglect. Her dedication to her work is complemented by her personal experiences as a military spouse to a United States Marine for 10 years and a mother of two sons, all of whom reside in San Diego.

