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# Overview of Child Care and Preschool Programs

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# California Subsidizes Many Child Care and Preschool Programs

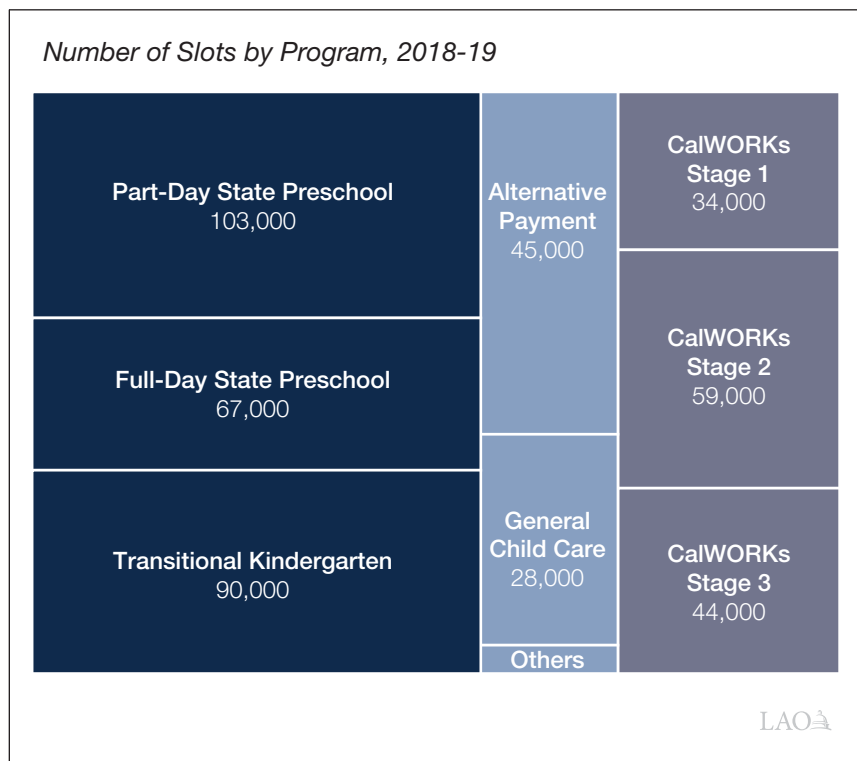
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<b>Program</b>	<b>Key Eligibility Requirements</b>
CalWORKs Child Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family is low income.</li><li>• Parent(s) work or are in school.</li><li>• Child is under age 13.</li><li>• Slots are available for all eligible children.</li></ul>
Alternative Payment and General Child Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family is low income.</li><li>• Parent(s) work or are in school.</li><li>• Child is under age 13.</li><li>• Slots are limited based on annual budget appropriation.</li></ul>
State Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family is low income.</li><li>• Child is age 3 or 4.</li><li>• If parent(s) work or are in school, child is eligible for full-day program.</li><li>• Slots are limited based on annual budget appropriation.</li></ul>
Transitional Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child is age 4 with a birthday between September 2 and December 2.</li><li>• Slots are available for all eligible children.</li><li>• Program has no income or work requirement.</li></ul>

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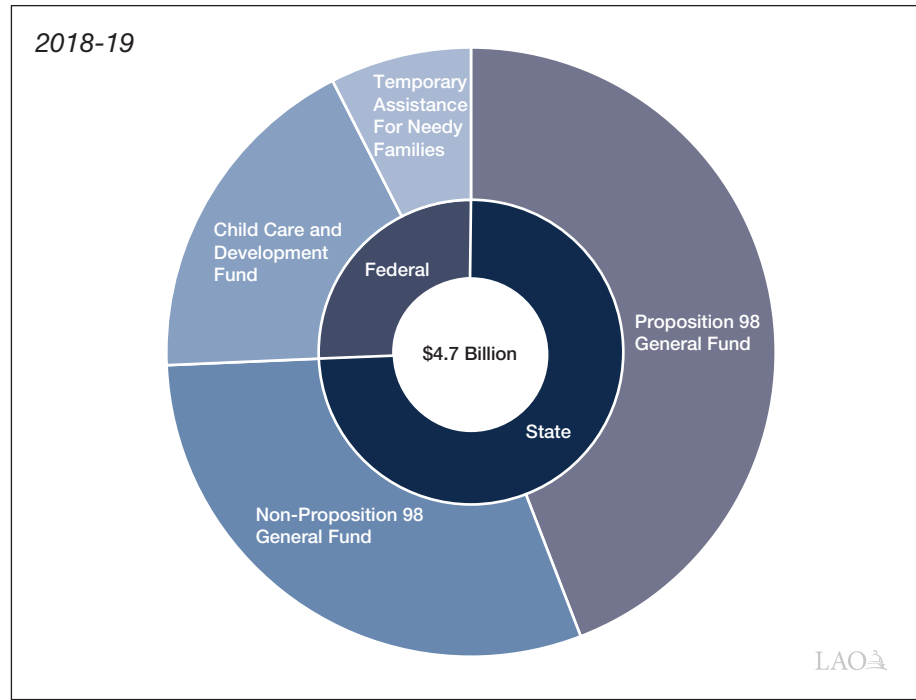


# California Serves About 470,000 Children Through These Programs



# The State Provides \$4.7 Billion to Child Care and Preschool Through a Mix of Funds

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# State Funds Programs in Different Ways

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## CalWORKs Child Care and Alternative Payment

### Vouchers

- State gives a family a voucher.
- Families may send their children to voucher-based centers or family child care homes or have family or friends provide care.
- State relies on regional agencies to verify attendance and pay providers.

## General Child Care and State Preschool

### Direct Contract

- State contracts with a provider to serve a set number of children.
- Families may send their children to direct-contract based centers or family child care homes.
- State reimburses provider for filled slots.

## Transitional Kindergarten

### Local Control Funding Formula

- Families may send their children to a nearby public school.
- School district reports attendance.
- State funds the school district for each enrolled child.

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# Per-Child Subsidies Vary by Program, Setting, and Age

