



# Early Care & Education



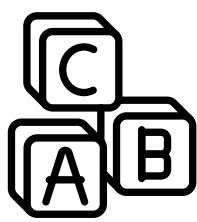
## Alternative Payment Program

Alternative Payment Program (APP), offers child care reimbursement to families, making it easier for them to access trustworthy and safe child care services as they strive for self-sufficiency. Our program supports 1,486 providers, 2,241 families, and 3,913 children.



## Apprenticeship Program

Our Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship Program is designed to build the ECE workforce. The program provides students with career advancement opportunities by offering required coursework at no cost, paid on-the-job training in a center and ongoing support from a highly qualified mentor.



## Center-based Programs

Center-based programs offer exceptional early childhood education where every child is treated with care and respect. Our play-based curriculum is designed to ignite curiosity, encourage creativity, and support social-emotional development, providing children with a strong foundation for lifelong learning. SBCEO supports 11 centers and currently serves 275 children, ages 0-5.



## Food Program

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children who are enrolled for care at participating centers and daycare homes - supporting 1,150 children through 47 home daycare providers and 11 centers.



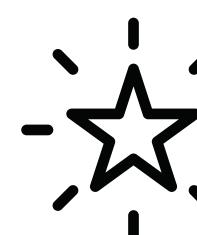
## Inclusion Initiative

The Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program (IEEEP) provides resources, training, and coaching for educators improving access for all students. SBCEO provides more than 50 countywide trainings for over 2,000 participants. These efforts have increased inclusion throughout our county.



## Local Planning Council (LPC)

The Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council's overarching responsibility is to plan, coordinate, and advocate for quality, accessible early care and education services for children ages 0-12. Our LPC is comprised of 20 different organizations representing early education, local government, consultants and advocates, and higher education.



## Quality Counts

Quality Counts California (QCC) helps 124 providers deliver high-quality care that leads to positive outcomes for 3,164 children. QCC coaches observe classrooms, guide reflective practice, and support educators in applying effective strategies. Together, we create nurturing learning environments where every child can thrive and every educator can succeed.