

A Study of San Diego County Local Child Care Needs and Barriers: Data and Insights for San Diego County Individualized Child Care Subsidy Pilot and Local Child Care Policies

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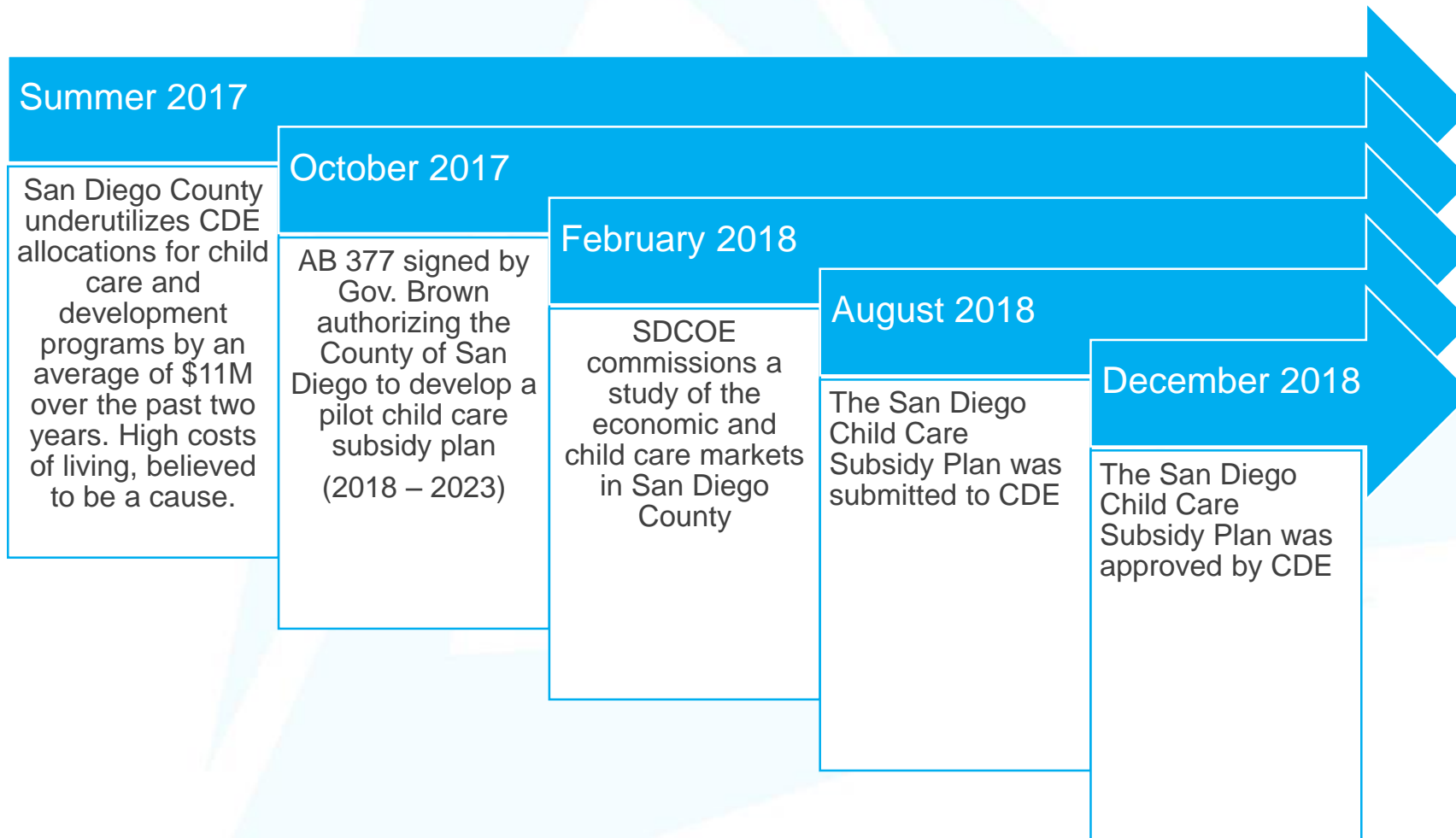
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Timeline and Frame of the Study



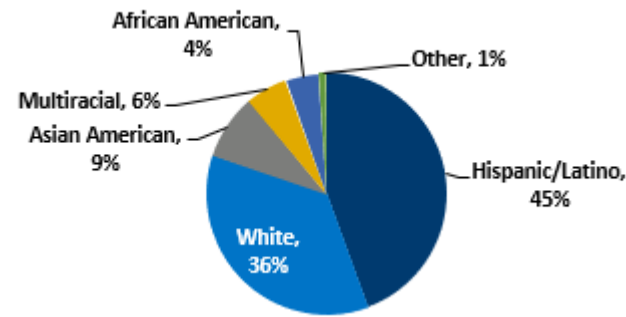
Study Components

- Demographics of families in need of Child Care
- San Diego County's self-sufficiency income level
- The cost of providing Child Care
- Availability of, and enrollment in, subsidized child care

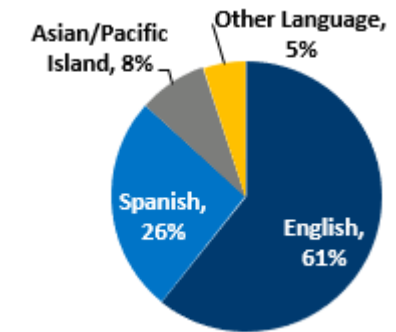
Demographics of Families in Need of Child Care

60%
Estimated percent of children ages 0-5 whose parents work outside the home¹

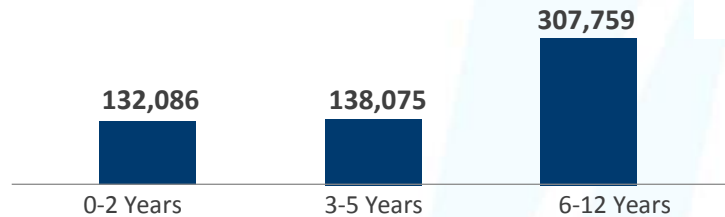
Race/Ethnicity of San Diego County Children, 2016³



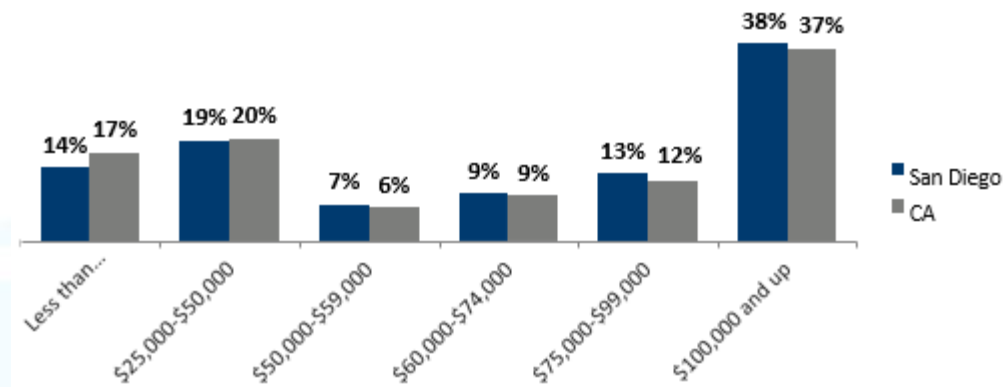
San Diego County Languages Spoken at Home, 2016⁴



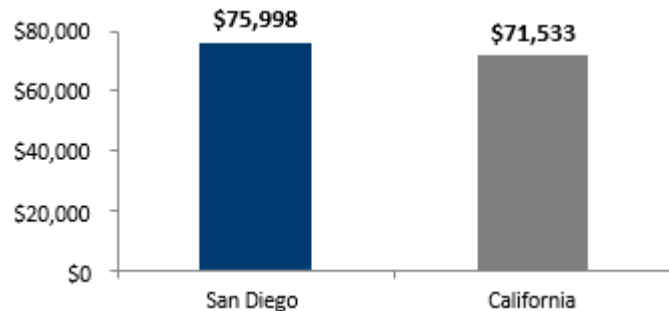
San Diego County Children by Age Group²



Income Brackets for San Diego County and California Families, 2016⁷



Annual Median Income for San Diego County and California Families, 2016⁸



¹ U.S. Census American Community Survey, 2016 1-Year Estimates Table B1931. Includes two-parent households and single parent households with children under 18.

² Data Source: 2016 California Department of Finance Population Projections.

³ Data Source: Kidsdata.org, 2016.

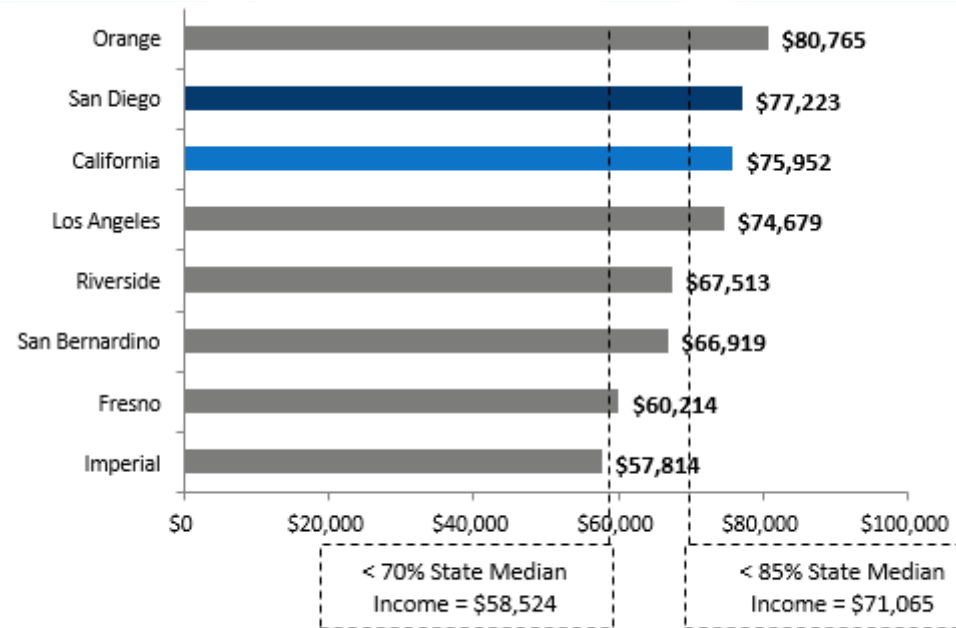
⁴ Data Source: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimate, 2016 (Table S1601).

⁷ Data Source: American Community Survey, 2016 1-Year Estimates Table B19131. Includes two-parent households and single parent households with children under 18.

⁸ Data Source: American Community Survey, 2016 1-Year Estimates Table B19125. Includes families with own children under 18 present in the household.

San Diego County's Self Sufficiency Income Level

Figure 7: Self Sufficiency Income Level Compared to Income Cutoff for State Child Care Subsidy for a Family of Four⁹



42,010
 Estimated number of children (0-12) in San Diego County who are not currently eligible for a child care subsidy, but will become eligible with the income cutoff change to <85% SMI.¹²

⁹ California Budget and Policy Center. 2017. *Making ends meet: How much does it cost to support a family in California?* This estimate is based on a family with two working parents, one preschool-aged child and one school-aged child. Basic monthly budget includes housing and utilities, food, child care, health care, transportation, miscellaneous and taxes.

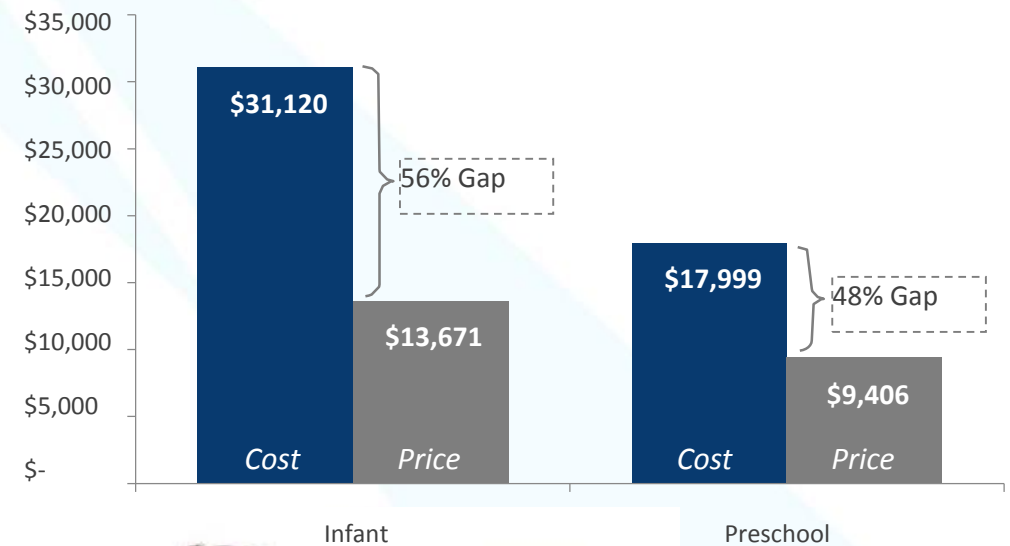
¹² Percentages are derived using two data sources. Numerator = Number of children whose families earn <70% of SMI and between 70% and 85% SMI. Data source: American Institute for Research, 2016. *Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool*. Denominator = Total population 0-12 years. Data source: 2016 California Department of Finance Population Projections.

The Cost of Providing Child Care

7 Elements of Quality:

- Use of observation tools to identify strengths and opportunities for growth
- Developmental and health screenings
- Qualified teachers
- Effective teacher-child interactions
- Adult-to-child ratios and group size
- Safe and engaging program environments
- Qualifies early learning center directors

Figure 20: 2017 Estimated Annual Per Child Price of Child Care Compared to Actual Cost of Providing High-Quality Care in California³⁰



³⁰ Workman, S. 2018. Where Does your Child Care Dollar Go? Understanding the True Cost of Quality Early Childhood Education. Center for American Progress.

Availability and Use of Subsidized Child Care

Figure 13: 2016 San Diego County Children who are Income-Eligible for a Child Care Subsidy Compared to Children Enrolled in Subsidized Care¹⁸

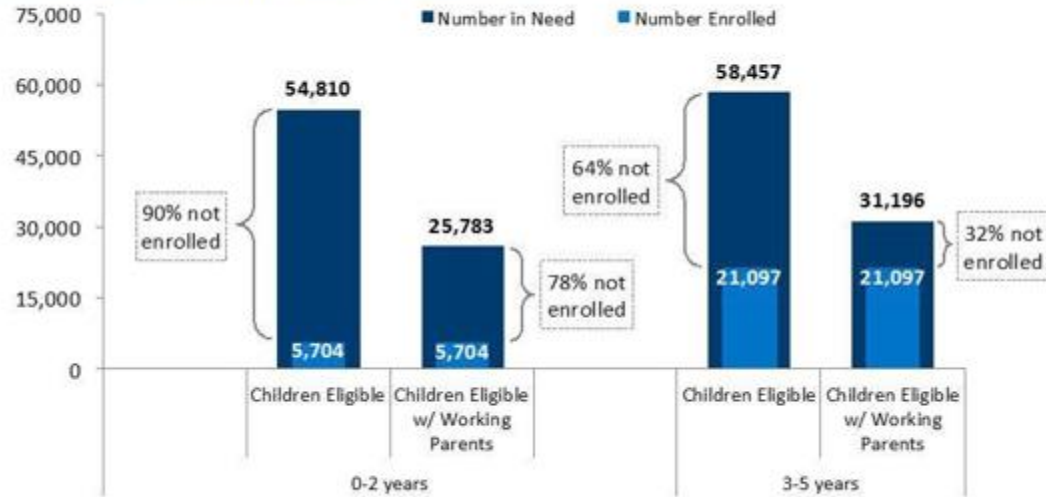
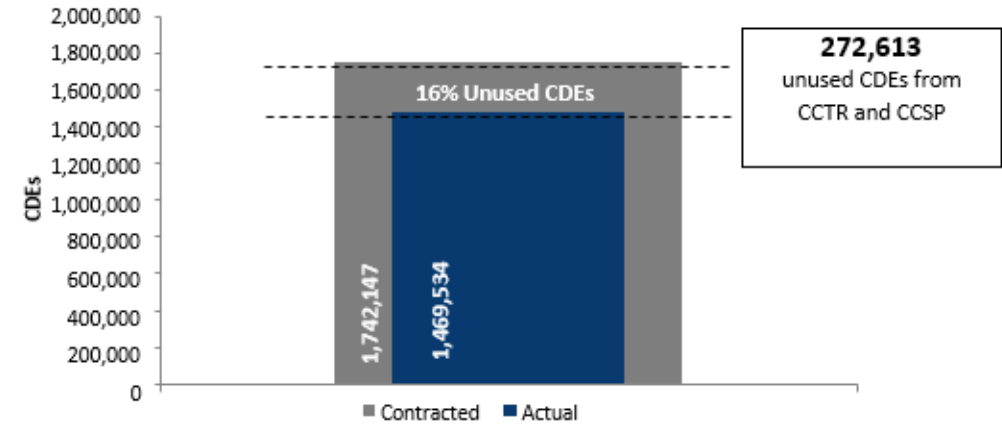


Figure 14: San Diego County Contracted vs. Actual Child Days of Enrollment (CDEs): 2016/17¹⁹

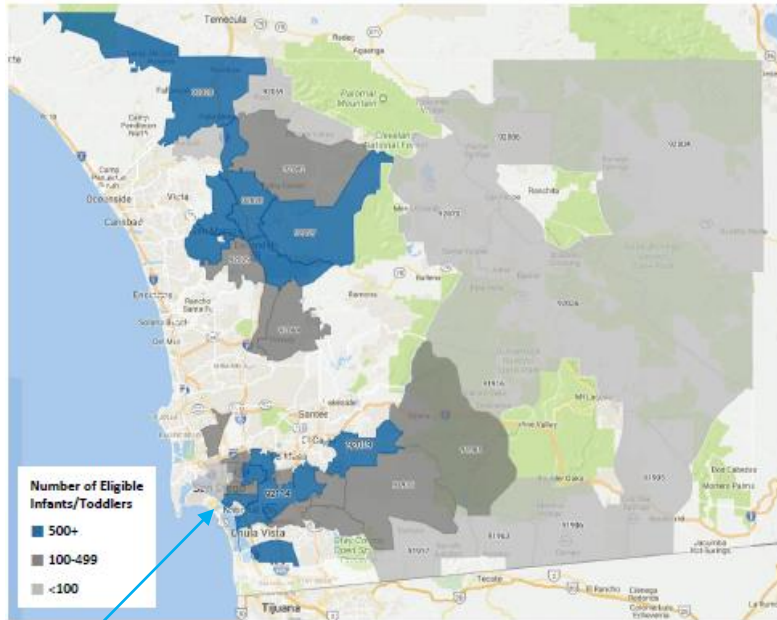


¹⁸ Data Source: American Institute for Research. 2016. Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool.

¹⁹ Data Source: San Diego County Office of Education. Contract Earnings, 2016-17

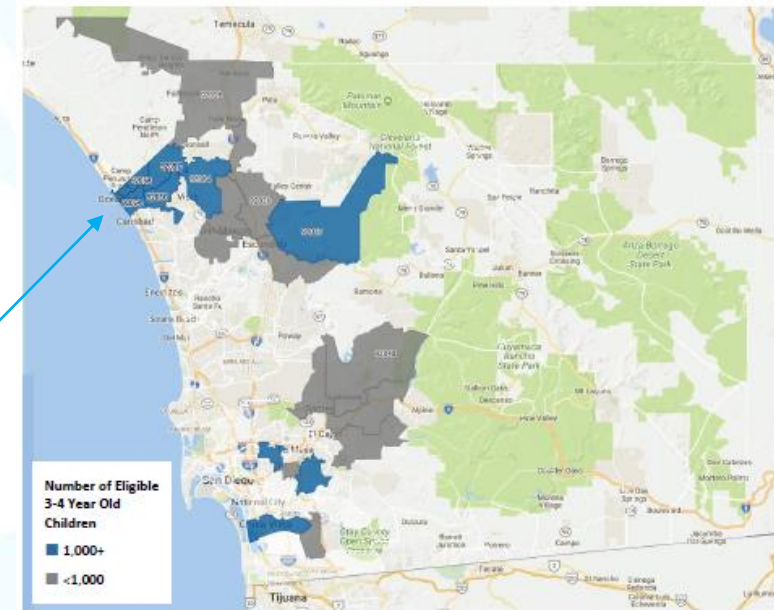
Regional Gaps in Subsidized Child Care Enrollment

Figure 15. San Diego County Zip Codes where there are Income-Eligible Infants/Toddlers and 50% or More are Not Enrolled in Subsidized Child Care, 2018²⁰



²⁰ San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council. 2018. Subsidy Zip Code Priority Data.

Figure 16. San Diego County Zip Codes with 500 or More Income-Eligible 3-4 year old Children and 50% or More are Not Enrolled in Subsidized Child Care, 2018²²

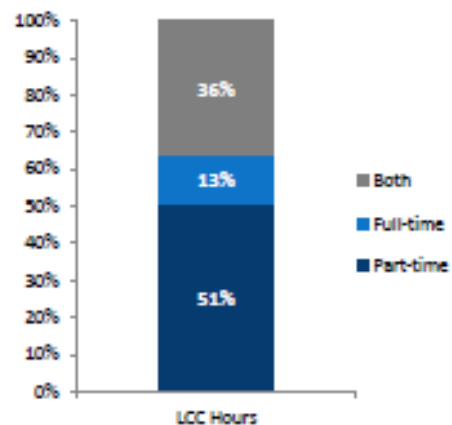


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Barriers to Access and Enrollment

Part-day/full-day availability

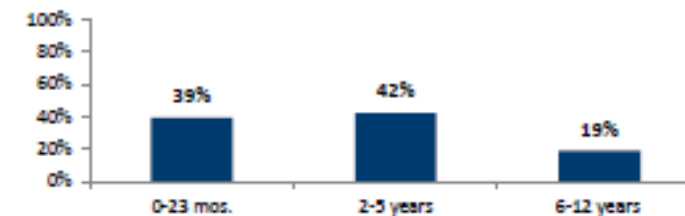
Figure 17: Percent of Subsidized LCCs by Full-Time/Part-Time Spaces (n=277)²³



²⁴ Data Source: California Child Care Resource & Referral Network. 2017 Child Care Portfolio

Availability of Care for Infants and Toddlers

Figure 18: 2016 San Diego County Child Care Requests²⁶



²⁶ Data Source: California Child Care Resource & Referral Network. 2017 Child Care Portfolio.

What's Next?

