

This list was created from information provided by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Child Care Switchboard. There are providers throughout Santa Cruz county that are not included on this list because we were unable to speak with a member of the center's staff about their program. A center's inclusion on the list does not represent an endorsement or referral to the program by the University.

Community Contacts

	Name of Center/ Contact Number	Philosophy	Age-Groups Served				Updated	Availability & Other Notes	Location
			Infant	Toddler	Pre- school	School Age			
APT	Aptos Academy 688-1080				•	•	11/9/09	Some openings. Pre-School, Pre-K (2.9 years up through 8th grade)	Bonita Drive, Aptos
APT	Cabrillo College Children's Center 479-6352	Play-based		•	•		11/9/09	No current openings. Accept on-going applications but currently full. Have full & half day options	Cabrillo College, Aptos
APT	Meghan's Daycare & Pre-School 689-9727	Small operation, maximum 8 spots	•	•	•		9/4/09	Mon– 3 open AM, 3 open PM; Tues – closed; Wed-2 open AM, 3 open PM; Th-3 open AM, 3 open PM; Fri – 4 open AM, 3 open PM	Gertrude Ave., Aptos
APT	Pleasant Acres 684 0655	After school care only				•	11/9/09	5 openings for after-school care only	625 Willow Hts, Aptos
APT	Rose Blossom Nursery School 662 8458	Play-based, individualized. Open 8am-2pm.			•	•	10/13/09	No current openings.	Freedom Blvd, Aptos
APT	Santa Cruz Montessori 476-1646	Montessori – Main campus on Soquel Drive; Winston campus located 2446 Cabrillo College Drive, Soquel.		•	•	•	10/13/09	Opening for girl betw. 18 months – 2.5 years; Have 6 pre-schl/kindergarten openings.	6230 Soquel Drive, Aptos
APT	Santa Cruz Toddler Care Center 476 4120	Rye Philosophy		•			9/22/09	No current openings. Waitlist 6-12 months	1738 16th Avenue, Santa Cruz
APT	Simcha (Sim-Ka) Preschool - of Temple Beth El 479-3444	Accredited NAEYC, Jewish, interfaith play-based, over 30-years.		•	•		7/23/09	Openings in both 3 and 4 yr. old classrooms.	3055 Porter Gulch Road, Aptos

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APT	The Children's Cottage 688-9025	Montessori – home based child care			•	•	11/9/09	Currently no spaces.	Clubhouse Dr, Aptos
BC	Little Munchkins (831) 338-6228, or (831) 588-5148	Family owned, home-based day care.	•	•	•		11/9/09	2 FT current openings	501 Fairmont Drive, Boulder Creek, 95006
BC	Little People's School (831) 338-4112	Science based curriculum, both full and part-time, elementary and day care.		•	•	•	11/9/09	Pre-school: 4 openings on Mon.; 3 on Tues.; 2 on Wed.; 4 on Thurs.; 4 on Fri. Other openings available, too, betw. 12 noon – 6pm and 7am - 8pm. Call for specific information.	13171 Railroad Avenue, Boulder Creek, 95006
BL	Glen Arbor School 336-2932	Parent participative, adheres strongly to state standards. Teaches handwriting without tears, letter recognition, science. It is also a thematic school (safety and health, nutrition, etc.)		•	•	•	7/23/09	Openings available.	9393 Glen Arbor Road, Ben Lomand, CA, 95005
CAP	Capitola Sonshine Preschool/Capitola Community Church 475-7150	Christian-based			•		11/9/09	4-5 current openings	4575 Capitola Road Capitola, CA 95010
Los Gatos	Building Blocks Preschool Coop (408) 353-2847 Membership: (408) 353-5159	Parent-Cooperative preschool thru LG-Saratoga Rec. Dept. Gentle encouragement, small group play, parent-directed projects, with Teacher/Director supervision.			•		9/4/09	Pre-K: M-W-F-8:30am- 12:30pm – 2 openings T-Th -1 opening Heavy parent component.	23845 Summit Road, Los Gatos, 95033
SC	Montessori Children's Garden 476-6185	Montessori, Family Day Care	•	•	•	•	11/9/09	2 openings for under 2 years of age; 4 openings over 2 years of age.	3185 Thurber Ln Santa Cruz, CA 95065-1857
SC	A Child's Reflection 426-3655	Play-based learning philosophy, both structured and free time.	•	•	•		11/9/09	3 openings in Infant/Toddler group; 4 openings in pre-schl. Group; 8 openings in pre- K group.	327 Church Street, Santa Cruz, 95060

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SC	Calvary Episcopal Church Childcare Center 425-1332	Play-based/academic-based		●	●		7/23/09	Limited availability	532 Center Street, Santa Cruz
SC	Common Threads Montessori Preschool 427-1316	Montessori-based, blend with open-ended classroom. Dramatic play, puzzles & manipulative, Piaget			●		9/22/09	No current openings; however, having an Open House on 11/5/09. Call for information & brochure.	208 Rankin St, Santa Cruz
SC	Discoveryland Christian Preschool 476-9684	Bible-based curriculum, creative curriculum with religious emphasis		●	●		11/9/09	5 PT & 4 FT openings. Call for information.	427 Capitola Road Extension, Santa Cruz
SC	Emeline Preschool Center 459 8866	Play-based, heavy focus social interaction & problem solving		●	●		11/9/09	Full – no current openings.	1030 Emeline Avenue, Bldg. "O", Santa Cruz
SC	Family Network Preschool 462-2535	Mixed-age group, developmental pre-school, socially based program. Celebrate diversity/anti-bias.		●	●		9/4/09	On summer break until 9/8/09	1225 Brommer St, Santa Cruz
SC	Kinder Cottage 475-0899	Play-based		●	●		9/4/09	Some ½ day afternoon spaces (12pm-5:30pm) open; Parents welcome to visit & be wait-listed.	3834 Gross Rd., Santa Cruz
SC	LifeSpring Preschool 477-0584	Play-based, thoughtful collaborative curric. academic via play-based		●	●		9/4/09	3 toddler openings; 20 pre-school openings.	2560 Soquel Ave. Santa Cruz, CA. 95062
SC	Live Oak School District Child Development Programs 831-462-1116 x274	Outcomes based preschool – supports entry into primary school			●		7/23/09	Program is expanding.	Various sites in Live Oak
SC	Midtown Montessori School 423-2273	Montessori, Environmental, Organic Food. Open year around.		●	●	●	11/9/09	Waiting List – call for information.	818 North Branciforte Ave, Santa Cruz

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SC	Penny's Playhouse	Family based Childcare 426 6275	•	•	•	•	11/9/09	No openings	S. Branciforte, Santa Cruz
SC	The Village Pre-School 423 3588	Waldorf School			•		11/9/09	Have current openings. Call for information.	California Ave, Santa Cruz
SC	Organic Beginnings Childcare 262-7503	Opening in January 2010					11/9/09	Capacity is 14; have 10 openings available.	
SC	Good Shepard Pre-School 476-4000	Pre-school part of Good Shepard Catholic School (K-8). Also have extended day program.			•	•	10/13/09	4 openings on Tues/Thurs.; 2 openings on Fri. Mon/Wed programs full.	2727 Mattison Lane, Santa Cruz
Santa Clara	KidzAcademy (408) 261-9523	Lots of structure: circle time, music and movement, back to basics.	•	•	•		11/9/09	Several openings. Non-profit, deliberately small (50 children), four unit classroom.	1224 N Winchester Boulevard, Santa Clara, 95050
SQL	Mid-County Children's Center 476-8890	International emphasis, children of teachers, Spanish immersion, English, depends on make-up of children, combination of Montessori and Play-based. Master teachers	•	•	•		11/9/09	4 infant openings; 4 pre- schl. openings	305 Alturas Way, Soquel
SQL	Rocking Horse Ranch Preschool 462-2702	Child-based and Led -- Play oriented.			•		11/9/09	2 openings for PM sessions (1:30pm - 5:30pm), Mon. - Fri., \$35/session	4134 Fairway Dr, Soquel
SQL	Soquel Parent Education Nursery School 831-600-7860	Part of the Adult School, teachers are simultaneously providing adult education to parents while caring for children. Co-operative involvement required.	•	•	•		10/13/09	No current openings.	397 Old San Jose Road, Soquel

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SV	Baymonte Christian Preschool 438-0100	Independent, interdenominational Christian school. Two campuses – Granite Creek & Scotts Valley Dr.			•	•	9/22/09	Granite Creek campus - full. Scotts Valley Dr. campus: T/Th - 4 open in 3 yr.old class. M-W-F -1- 4pm, openings for 4-5 yr. age group. Though this is a pre-school, it also hosts a K-8 school.	5000B Granite Creek Road, Scotts Valley, 95066
SV	Delightful Days Preschool 438-5178	Home care with strong parental relationship. New parents invited and encouraged to work closely with the program.	•	•	•		11/9/09	Full – no current openings. Maximum of six children.	Scotts Valley
SV	Early Childhood Learning Center 438-7980	Faith-based, non- denominational Christian school, part of Bethany College. No specific, or exclusive, teaching style is employed		•	•	•	9/22/09	7 openings in 4 yr. old class; 5 openings in 2-3 yr. old class.	800 Bethany Drive, Scotts Valley, 95066- 2820
SV	In Kirsten's Care 439-8721	Home day-care, parent separation anxiety, sharing, communication, learning to play together.	•	•	•		11/9/09	1 FT infant opening; 2 PT infant openings.	Scotts Valley
WAT	Go Kids Preschool at Via Del Mar 728-5907			•	•		11/9/09	Full – no current openings. Priority given to low- income families. Pre- School.	Watsonville
WAT	Head Start Preschool 688 3802				•		9/22/09	Waiting List. Call for information. Priority given to high risk families.	East Lake Ave., Watsonville
WAT	Pajaro Valley Children's Center 722 3737	Play-based	•	•	•		11/9/09	4 infant openings; 8 openings in 2-5 age group.	Watsonville

Programs that Accept Subsidies

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WAT	Head Start Preschool 688 3802				•		9/22/09	Waiting list. Call for information. Priority given to high risk families.	East Lake Ave., Watsonville
WAT	Mari Goose Day Care 724-7678	Play based learning, no "worksheets"; lots of puzzles & toys; teaches good manners; toilet training.		•	•		11/9/09	2 openings for infant to school age.	Mesa Verde Dr., Watsonville
SC	Live Oak School District Child Development Programs 831-462-1116 x274	Outcomes based preschool – supports entry into primary school			•		7/23/09	Program is expanding.	Various sites in Live Oak