

Santa Cruz County
CalWORKs Stage 1 Subsidized Childcare
Regional Market Rate Ceiling-Child Care Payment Guidelines
 Effective: January 1, 2022

LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

		Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Full-time	Infant	Provider rate X scheduled hrs or wkly RMR	100.30	454.35	1,683.23
	Pre-School		71.74	375.04	1,205.17
	School		61.49	287.22	1,069.08
Part-time	Infant	19.42	Provider rate X scheduled hrs or wkly RMR	312.33	1,140.51
	Pre School	14.09		284.83	771.61
	School	11.93		144.42	498.41

LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

		Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Full-time	Infant	Provider rate X scheduled hrs or wkly RMR	62.12	277.63	1,132.17
	Pre-School		55.65	243.12	1,003.28
	School		45.62	190.89	758.64
Part-time	Infant	13.72	Provider rate X scheduled hrs or wkly RMR	200.27	759.65
	Pre-School	12.27		181.14	663.04
	School	10.54		149.56	523.40

EXEMPT PROVIDERS IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY (TrustLined or Relative)

		Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Full-time	Infant	Provider rate X scheduled hrs or wkly RMR	43.48	194.34	792.52
	Pre School		38.96	170.18	702.30
	School		32.65	133.62	531.05
Part-time	Infant	9.61	Use Hourly		
	Pre School	8.59			
	School	7.38			

The County of Santa Cruz will use the Regional Market Rate (RMR) ceilings provided by the California Department of Education (CDE) whenever possible. In the event that none of the providers' established rates correspond with a Regional Market Rate ceiling provided by the CDE, the County will use an alternate rate ceiling according to the policies and procedures described below.

- When a provider (all categories) uses a Full-time Hourly Rate and no other rate category is provided that can be used to determine a payment ceiling, the County will approve and reimburse at the Weekly Full-time RMR ceiling or at the provider's hourly rate multiplied by the assigned (scheduled) hours of care, whichever is less.
- When a Center or Family Day Care Home used a Part-time Daily Rate and no other rate is provided that can be used to determine a payment ceiling, the County will approve and reimburse at the Weekly Part-time RMR ceiling or at the provider's hourly rate multiplied by the assigned (scheduled) hours of care, whichever is less.
- When an exempt provider uses a part-time daily, weekly or monthly rate the County will approve and reimburse at the part-time hourly rate or the providers part-time daily, weekly or monthly rate, whichever is less.