2018 Alameda County Waitlist Review

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:
Over the course of November 2017 through March 2018, the Alameda County Early Care and Education program worked with the county’s five Alternative Payment (AP) programs and one of the county’s largest center-based providers to assess the number of families on a waitlist for child care.

The providers participating in this work include:

- 4Cs of Alameda County
- BANANAS
- Child Family and Community Services
- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- Child Care Links
- Kidango

The process served two important purposes: 1) providers reached out to waitlist families by phone to reassess their eligibility and child care needs; and 2) providers were able to inform parents about the early care and education expansion initiative to gauge their interest in learning more about the possible ballot initiative.

Each provider made a minimum of three attempts to contact families and requested their consent to share data with the Alameda County Early Care and Education program. Aggregate data were provided when consent was declined or could not be obtained.

CURRENT WAITLIST NUMBERS BY AGE GROUP:

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<th>Number of Children</th>
<th>Ages 0 through 4</th>
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As shown in the table above, there are approximately 7,000 children who are on a waitlist and in need of subsidized child care.

QUESTIONS:

These data are provided by the Alameda County Early Care and Education Program. Please direct questions or comments to India Alarcon at India.Alarcon@acgov.org.

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1 Child Care Links provided aggregate, de-identified data about the families on their child care waitlist. These data included child age and zip code.