

# Livermore: Families & The Built Environment

## Community development policy from the Livermore 2004 General Plan

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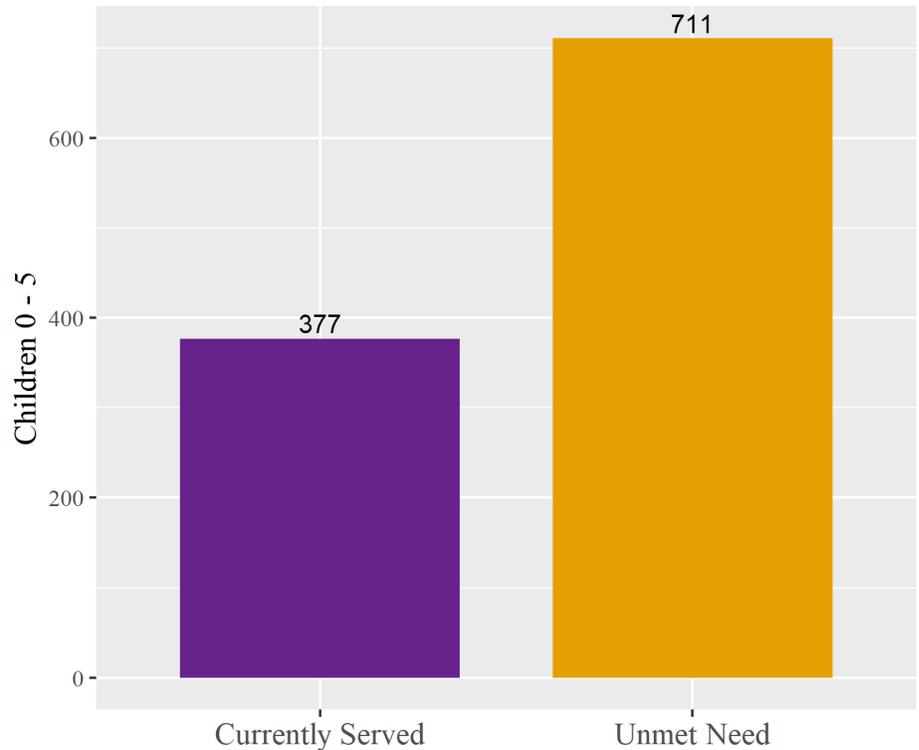
### Data

#### Community Demographics

- Number of income eligible children ages 0 to 5 at or below 85% SMI: 1,088
- Estimated percent of children 0-5 not served: 65%
- County Kindergarten Readiness rate: 44%

### Children Served & Estimated Unmet Need for Income Eligible Children 0-5

Livermore



Data from the 2016 AIR Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool

### Housing Element

6-2-13: "Generally, female-headed households have lower incomes than male-headed households, limiting their opportunities for finding affordable and quality housing. Female-headed families with children are a particularly vulnerable group because they have higher living expenses associated with childcare and must balance the needs of their children with work responsibilities. Female-headed households require special consideration and assistance to accommodate their housing needs. In addition to affordable housing, these needs often include accessible day care, health care, and other support services.

Based on U.S. Census data provided by ABAG, there were 2,834 female-headed households in Livermore in 2010, representing approximately 13 percent of all households. In addition, there were 1,721 female-headed families with children. The 2007-2011 ACS reports that while 4.3 percent of families living in Livermore were below the poverty level, 20.8 percent of female-headed families with children under 18 lived in poverty. "

## Housing Element

6-2-13: "As described in Chapter 5, the City has a variety of programs that support affordable housing for very low-income families, which often have a single earner. In addition, the City encourages the development of housing that provides enriched on-site services such as affordable childcare and/or youth activities coordination. The City's Multi-Service Center provides a central, accessible location for residents to obtain services from the Alameda 2-13 County Social Services Agency, including CalWorks, and Axis Community Health Care Clinic, which provides subsidized medical services."

## Infrastructure & Public Services Element

7-52: "Child care in Livermore is available through either professional day care centers, or through care providers who work out of their homes. In 2002, a total of 4,192 spaces are available in child care facilities in Livermore. Two-thirds of these, 2,763, are in private child care centers, and the remaining one-third, 1,429, are in home-based facilities. During 2001, overall need for child care in the Tri-Valley area decreased slightly.

In addition to private center- or home-based care providers, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District operates child care programs for preschoolers, elementary and middle school students through cooperative arrangements with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and the City of Livermore. LARPD offers parent-participation preschool for children six months to six years old at several park facilities and elementary schools in the City. Elementary school students are eligible to participate in the Extended Student Services (ESS) and Kid's Zone programs, which are open five days per week, year-round. These programs offer learning activities in areas such as art, music, science, language, crafts, and outdoor play. Over 800 students participated in the ESS and Kid's Zone programs during 2001, including 134 children from low-income homes. For middle school students, LARPD has recently implemented the TeenNRG PAL program. This program is held from 2:30 to 6:00 pm five days per week at all four middle schools in Livermore. The program offers a healthy snack, recreational activities, and one hour of mandatory homework time. Over 150 students participated in the program in 2001.

The highest demand for child care in Livermore, as in the Tri-Valley area as a whole, is for spaces for children five to ten years old. There are approximately 2,150 spaces needed for five-to-ten-year-olds in Livermore, and slightly less than that number of spaces is available. For two-to-five-year-olds, the only age group in Livermore in which the supply of child care spaces exceeds the demand, there are about 1,550 spaces available, and about 1,450 of those are filled. For children under two years old, there are only 500 spaces available, but there is demand for over 700 spaces. Almost 20 percent of parents interviewed by Child Care Links reported that they were unable to find child care due to prohibitive costs. Other reasons parents were unable to find care included a lack of vacancies (17 percent), inability to find a care provider with a suitable schedule (14 percent), and facilities that were unacceptable (13 percent).

In 2002, average weekly costs of care in Livermore vary by the neighborhood the facility is located in, as well as by the age of the child. For home-based facilities, the average weekly cost for care for a child under two years old is \$160.00. For children ages two through five, the weekly cost averages \$143.00, and for children five to ten, the cost is \$102.00. In child care centers, costs are higher for infant care, with weekly costs averaging \$220.00. However, child care centers cost roughly the same as home-based facilities for two- to five-year-olds, at \$151.00, and centers are less expensive sources of care for five- to ten-year olds, at \$78.00 average cost per week. Average weekly costs for home-based child care in Livermore are slightly higher than the Tri-Valley averages, while center-based costs in Livermore are below the cost of care in Dublin and Pleasanton."

## Infrastructure & Public Services Element

7-54: Goal INF-10: Ensure an adequate range and supply of childcare services to meet the needs of all Livermore residents.

Objective INF-10.1 Plan for needed childcare facilities when considering new development.

- >Policy 1: "The City shall continue to assist LARPD in providing after-school and extended daycare programs year round through before and after school care and day camps in the summer and during holidays and vacations."
- >Policy 2: "The City shall consider the impact of development on the supply of childcare."
- >Action 1: "Triennially, concurrent with the development of each three-year Housing Implementation Program, assess the impact of development on the provision of childcare services."
- >Action 2: "Study the options for providing childcare including, but not limited to, providing on-site or off-site facilities, in-lieu fees to provide facilities and/or supplement childcare provider training, or other measures to address supply, affordability, or quality of childcare."

Objective INF-10.2 Combine childcare facilities with other services and amenities in order to improve access and availability.

- >Policy 1: "The City shall encourage the siting of child care and other care facilities in areas with compatible land use and character, and shall encourage such facilities to be located near employment centers, homes, schools, community centers, recreation facilities, and transit hubs."
- >Policy 2: "The City shall support the establishment of childcare centers at or near commercial and light industrial districts in order to enhance Livermore's attractiveness as a business destination."
- >Action 1: "Partner with LVJUSD and civic organizations to use schools as community centers to provide a range of services, including childcare."
- >Action 2: "Study feasibility of an impact fee for the development of childcare facilities on the project site or payment of an in-lieu fee."