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# Supporting Family Choices in Home-Based Care: The California Approach

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# The California Context

- Children's Centers
- State Preschool
- Family Child Care Education Networks
- Alternative Payment (Voucher) Programs
  - Welfare to Work
  - Low Income



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# Types of Care

- Licensed Child Care Settings
  - 45,000 Family Child Care Homes
  - 15,000 Centers
- License-Exempt Care



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# Types of Care Selected in Voucher/Certificate Programs

- 52% in Licensed Child Care settings
  - 42% in center-based settings
  - 58% in family child care homes
- 48% in Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care



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# Support for Home-Based Care

- Resource and Referral Agencies
- Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP)
- 1-800 Kids Line
- Pediatric Health and Safety Reimbursement



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# Support for Home-Based Care (Continued)

- The California Child Care Healthline Project
- Family Child Care Association Development Project
- Family Child Care At Its Best
- Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Education Standards (CARES)
- Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC)



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# School Readiness

- Prekindergarten Learning and Development Guidelines
- Prekindergarten Learning and Development Guidelines – Adaptation for Home Settings



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# School Readiness (Continued)

- Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Guidelines – Adaptation for Home Settings
- California Exempt Care Training (CECT) or Growing, Learning & Caring (GLC)
  - Collaboration with Touchpoints