

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Early childhood professionals work directly with young children from infancy to age five in a variety of settings including preschools, childcare centers, schools, and private households. These professionals address children's physical, emotional, intellectual, and social needs.

“BLS expects 18% increase in preschool teachers and 8% growth in special education between 2023 & 2033.”

– US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2025



Representative Industry Occupations

Nanny	\$ 20.00-23.00 / hr	-
Childcare/Day Care Worker	\$ 20.00-29.00 / hr	-
Childcare Center Teacher	Varies	Certificate
Home based Childcare owner	Varies	License
Preschool Teacher	\$ 22.00-29.00/ hr	AA/Certificate
Paraeducator	\$ 21.00-27.00 / hr	AA/Certificate
Kindergarten Teacher	\$ 30.00-45.00 / hr	BA in Education
Special Education Teacher	\$ 34.00-50.00 / hr	BA/MA
Education/Childcare Admin	\$ 39.00-54.00 / hr	BA

Career Advisor Corner

Early childhood education careers can be fulfilling for people who enjoy working with children. Successful workers in this industry are patient, compassionate, and able to teach young children with an age-appropriate style.

To move forward in this career, Child Development Certifications are usually necessary. Larger centers and schools are more likely to offer full-time, benefited roles.

CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Institutes, Schools, and Companies

Institute	Location
Belmont Oaks Academy	Belmont
Calvary Church of Los Gatos	Los Gatos
Catalyst Family, Inc.	Morgan Hill
Challenger Schools	Multiple cities
Children's Creative Learning Center	Multiple cities
The First Baptist Church Los Altos	Los Altos Hills
Kid's Haven	San Jose
Kidango	San Jose
Montessori School of Silicon Valley	Santa Clara
Palo Alto Community Child Care	Stanford
Peninsula Family Service	Multiple cities
Precious Enterprise	Saratoga
Santa Clara Unified School District	Sunnyvale
Stratford School	Multiple cities

Certificates / Training Opportunities

- Child Development Permits
Serving San Mateo County
<https://www.ctc.ca.gov>
- De Anza College
Serving Santa Clara County
<https://deanza.edu/cde>
- Skyline College
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<https://skylinecollege.edu/>

Job Boards

- [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com)
- [Edjoin.org](https://www.edjoin.org)
- [Care.com](https://www.care.com)
- [Peninsula Family Service](https://www.peninsulafamilyservice.com)
- [Kidango.org](https://www.kidango.org)
- [Challenger School](https://www.challengerschool.com)
- [Stratford School](https://www.stratfordschool.com)