

Early Care and Education Planning Council

Mission Statement:

The El Dorado Early Care And Education Planning Council Provides Leadership For The Planning And Development Of Quality, Accessible, Affordable Early Care And Education Programs For Children And Families In El Dorado County





Strategic Plan Goals

- ❑ Early Care And Education Is Recognized As An Essential Element To Our Social, Educational And Economic Infrastructure And Must Be Considered In All Aspects Of Planning, Development And Decision Making In El Dorado County.
- ❑ El Dorado County Children Are Cared For And Educated In High Quality Settings.
- ❑ Early Care And Education Programs Have Highly Trained And Educated Staff To Provide Quality Care.

Economic Impact of Child Care Industry in El Dorado County

Key Findings

- El Dorado's Early Care and Education industry directly employs approximately 900 people
- In 2010 there is \$31.5 million spent annually on child care in El Dorado County, and there is another additional impact of \$14.5 million in the local economy for a total of **\$46 million** in direct and indirect economic impact
- Child care is an important and dynamic industry in El Dorado County generating more gross economic activity than many other sectors.





Economic Impact Key Findings

- In 2010, nearly 11,131 children ages 0-13 needed care because parents are in the labor force
- We currently have supply for only 43% of infants that need care, a shortage of 873 licensed infant spaces
- Child care represents 24% to 28% of family expenses, for single parents the percent is even higher
- Over the next 10 years, there will be an additional 6,667 new children in El Dorado County, of which an estimated 39% will need child care or an increase of 2,706 new spaces

The Early Care and Education Industry is Vital to our Economy Because:

- Licensed child care contributes to a stable and productive workforce
- Licensed child care employs 900 people
- Child Care contributes approximately \$46 million in economic impact to our community
- For every dollar invested in early care, \$2-\$4 in net-present value benefits are produced with \$7 in long term returns
- Quality Child care better prepares children to both enter school and to become part of the El Dorado County workforce.

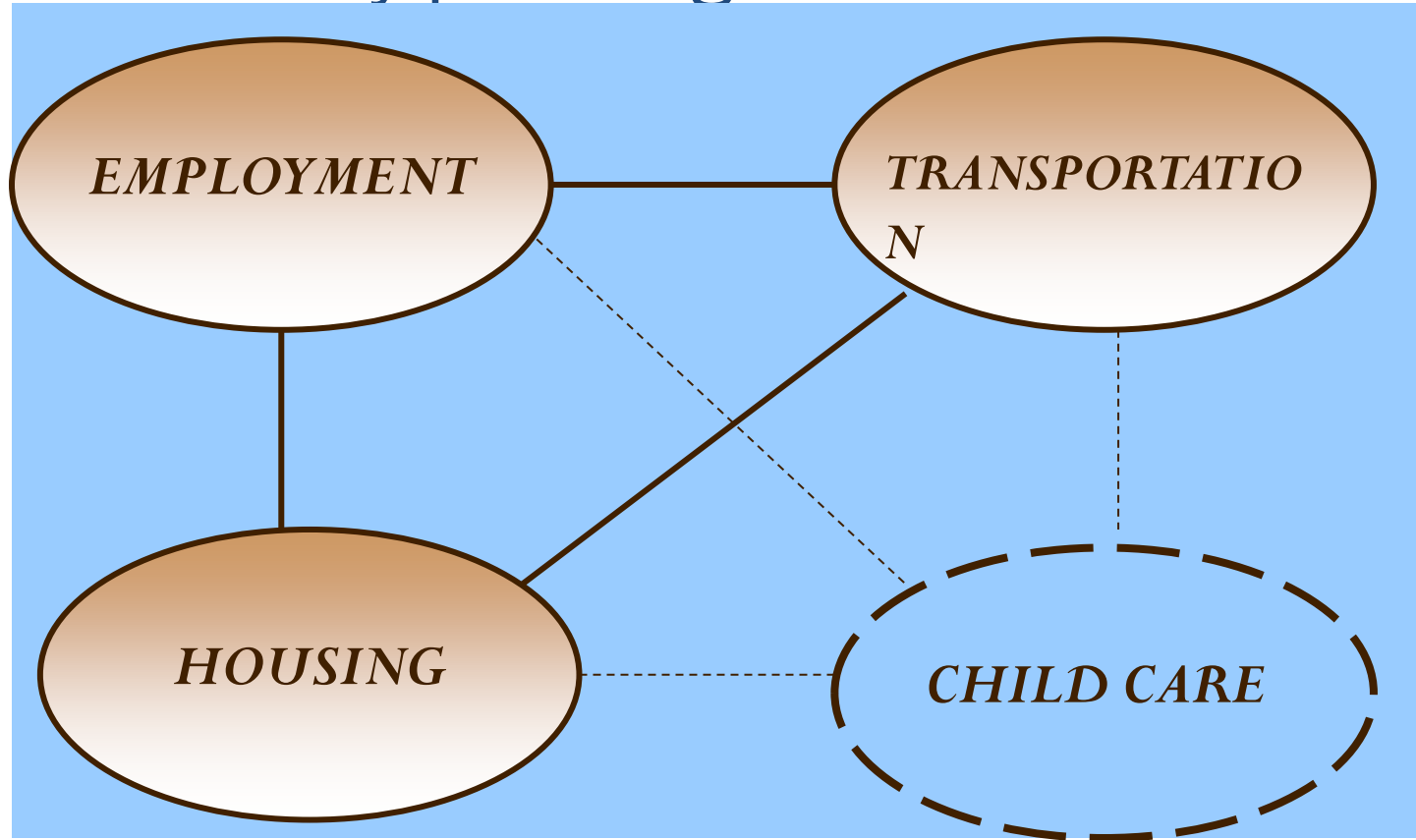


Present Concerns and Implications

- Due to present high unemployment rate, we have had a loss of licensed capacity of over 184 licensed child care spaces
- When economy rebounds, there will be a shortage of child care spaces
- We want to work with Economic Development and local business community to educate the broader community about the vital role of child care to our economy
- We want to work with the planning department to ensure that child care is considered and addressed in all large scale planning efforts, specific plans and the county general plan.



Child Care is often the missing piece in community planning



....but is its an essential to economic vitality and growth.

Early Care and Education Keeps El Dorado County Working



Additional copies of the 2010
Update of the Child Care Economic
Impact Analysis for El Dorado
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