



# Learn About Universal PreKindergarten Choices

There are now more free and affordable PreKindergarten options for 3- and 4-year-olds in Los Angeles County. Explore the best fit for your child below!

PROVIDER	Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes	Elementary Schools (Transitional Kindergarten)	Family, Friends, and Neighbors
What it is	Licensed programs where services are provided by early childhood educators in a school-like setting. Children are usually grouped together by age group. Multiple classrooms are overseen by a director.	Licensed programs where services are provided by early childhood educators in their own home. This smaller setting serves children of various ages together.	A program offered by public elementary schools specifically for 4-year-olds. It is taught by an elementary school teacher and is available for free to all families, regardless of income.	Care provided by a relative, friend, or neighbor in your home or their home.
Schedule	Half and full day programs.	Half and full day programs. Many offer extended, evening, or weekend hours.	Half and full day programs. Some schools offer extended care.	No set schedule. Many caregivers offer extended, evening, or weekend hours.
Adult to child ratio	1 adult for every 8 or 12 children, depending on the program type.	<b>Small:</b> 1 adult for every 8 children <b>Large:</b> 2 adults for 14 children	1 adult for every 12 children.	No formal regulations. Many care for 1-2 children.
Minimum teacher qualifications	At least 12 college units in early childhood education, plus 6 months of experience.	Pediatric health training, CPR and first aid certification. Some programs also require at least 12 college units in early childhood education.	Have a valid teaching credential from California's Commission on Teacher Credentialing.	Caregivers who accept subsidy vouchers may undergo a background check.
Cost	Free, low-cost, and paid options.	Free, low-cost, and paid options.	Free for 4-year-olds.	Free, low-cost, and paid options.

## Find PreKindergarten Programs in Your Area:



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[ccala.net/connect-to-child-care](http://ccala.net/connect-to-child-care)



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