

# Early Education & Child Care Options in Riverside County

From birth through age 5, your child is rapidly developing and learning from the world around them.

Give your child a strong start by enrolling them in one (or more!) of the many **early education and child care options** available based on your child's age:

## For Ages 0–3

- Early Head Start / Head Start
- State-Funded Preschool
- Alternative Payment Program
- Licensed Center or Home
- Family, Friend, or Neighbor Caregiver

## For Ages 4–5\*

- Head Start
- State-Funded Preschool
- Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
- Alternative Payment Program
- Licensed Center or Home
- Family, Friend, or Neighbor Caregiver

*\*children not yet Kindergarten age eligible*

**90% of a child's brain develops by age 5**



### Things to Consider When Making Your Choice

What is available for my child?  
What options are best for me and my child?

## What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?

Transitional Kindergarten provides an opportunity for children, who are 4 and 5\* years old, to access an early education program. Some school districts may also accept children outside of the eligible 4 and 5 year old age range for early enrollment.

To learn about the TK options available through your local public schools, you may contact your local school district. To learn about all early education and child care options, you may contact RCOE, Resource & Referral at 800-442-4927 or by email at [randr@rcoe.us](mailto:randr@rcoe.us).



### Need Assistance Paying?

If you are needing assistance in paying for child care or to research other options, please call 800-442-4927.



## Want More Information About Your Options?

Contact Riverside County Office of Education, Resource & Referral, at 800-442-4927 or by email at [randr@rcoe.us](mailto:randr@rcoe.us).  
[rcoe.us/departments/early-learning-services](https://rcoe.us/departments/early-learning-services)