

AFFORDABLE HOUSING + CHILD CARE

Accessible child care is essential for growing and thriving communities. Without child care, parents and families cannot go to work.

A key component to families utilizing child care is *accessibility*. The **co-location** of **child care** within **housing** provides a vital service for residents and the surrounding community, as well as reliable tenants, whether a child care center in retail space or an in-unit family child care provider.

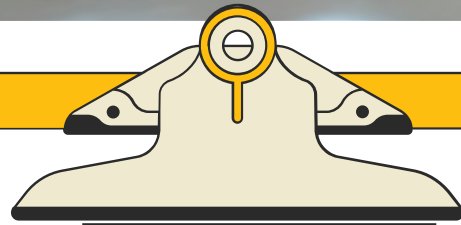


Co-locating child care within housing just makes smart community-building and business sense!"

The key to co-locating child care within housing is starting early!

For partnership in San Diego County, contact **Children First Collective San Diego** to connect with child care facilities experts.

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ITEMS TO CONSIDER...

- Minimum 5,000 sqft of ground interior floor space, with roughly equivalent space available outside.
- Outside space is ideally adjacent to and directly accessible from the indoor space.
- Space needs to be amply plumbed with access to child-sized sinks and toilets.
- All classroom spaces need natural light and windows at small child height.
- With proper signage, outdoor space can be shared with community members when child care is not operating.
- Parking needed for employees as well as safe access for child drop-off and pick-up.
- Residents of the development can be given waitlist priority.