



Homeless Family ACCESS SF

(Accessible Child Care Expedited for the Shelter System San Francisco)

Child Care Information Sheet

What is ACCESS Child Care?

ACCESS is a pilot project to help families with at least one child under 3 years living or formerly living in homeless or domestic violence shelters obtain child care.

Am I Eligible?

If you are living or have formerly lived (within the past six months) in *St. Joseph's Family Center, Hamilton Family Residences and Emergency Shelter, Compass Family Shelter Raphael House, Providence/Bethel Winter Shelter, Asian Women's Shelter, La Casa de las Madres, or Rosalie House (Riley Center)* and have at least one child under 3 years you are eligible. There are no other eligibility factors.

How Do I Enroll?

Contact your shelter case manager *or if you are no longer living in shelter contact a Compass Family Services, ACCESS Child Care Specialist at (415) 644-0504 ex 2315* and they will place you on the San Francisco Child Care Connection (SF3C) list, a citywide, child care subsidy database that includes ACCESS.

Note: If you are already enrolled on SF3C you will need your shelter case manager or Compass Family Services to update your SF3C record to confirm your ACCESS eligibility.

How Do I Know When an ACCESS Subsidy is Available?

When a slot is available, the Compass Family Services, ACCESS Specialist will contact you by phone and schedule an eligibility interview.

Note: It is very important for you to keep your contact information accurate and up-to-date in the SF3C database so that you may be reached in order to receive ACCESS child care.

Where is ACCESS Child Care Provided?

ACCESS child care is provided by a dedicated group of Child Care Centers and Licensed Family Child Care Homes all of whom are required to meet specific standards of quality and have dedicated spaces for homeless families.

What Happens When My Youngest Child Turns 3 Years Old?

ACCESS is primarily an infant/toddler subsidy and lasts until your youngest child turns 3 years. Your child care provider and/or the Compass Family Services, ACCESS Specialist will assist you in transitioning your child(ren) to another subsidy when your child(ren) turn 2 years 6 months.

What if I am a CalWORKs Recipient?

You are eligible for ACCESS. Although, if you are participating in a Welfare-to-Work plan or are eligible to participate it is important you contact your CalWORKs Employment Specialist to avoid any sanctions and/or to arrange CalWORKs funded child care.

What About Confidentiality?

The SF3C database is not public and requires a login id and password.

Who Can I Contact for More Information?

At Compass Family Services, ACCESS Child Care Specialist at *(415) 644-0504 ex 2315*