

Summary

Questions 15 and 16

Question 15. In your opinion, what is the #1 need in the area of early education and child care in Santa Rosa County? Your response can be one of the needs addressed in the 14 questions above or one that was not addressed.

- Pay increase for teachers and quality care for children
- Day care providers for infants and special needs children
- Helpers for the teachers
- Transportation to after school programs and more field trips
- Transportation from school to program
- Affordable childcare provided by licensed operators with a transportation component if needed for regular ed and special needs students
- I'm appalled at the lack of after care for special needs children in Santa Rosa County. That is my suggestion as to what the number one priority should be.
- Available care at reasonable costs for special needs
- Childcare affordability
- More of them (providers)
- Additional child care options for children with special needs (mental health, behavioral, physical disabilities, etc.)
- More places for childcare
- More openings for children to enroll
- More VPK options
- More available spots
- Equalizing the rights of the students; helping those students who need it the most
- Infant care
- Funding assistance
- Day cares that take infants
- Child care for low-income families with parents working or going to school
- More childcare facilities to serve the needs of children
- More incentive to private businesses to open centers
- Increased child care spots for all ages and needs.
- More child care facilities
- Funding, special needs care and access to care
- Transportation to and from child care
- Child education and child care
- More centers
- Increased availability of extended hours facilities
- After-school care and transportation

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- More affordable child care for those who make too much for help but don't make enough to thrive; Better education for teachers.
- Need more childcare facilities
- More childcare training; Drug testing
- Need more child care
- Transportation for Early Head Start and Head Start
- Programs that provide transportation
- More qualified child care centers
- Less attention to paperwork and more focus on training
- Care for SR clients in general
- Openings for infants and expanded hours for working parents
- Food program assistance needed for Family Child Care Homes
- Respite care
- Higher wages for educators and administrators
- Training and support for educators
- Affordable quality childcare for those experiencing homelessness
- Increased training
- Better bridge between VPK to Kindergarten - early childcare teachers being able to give information to kindergarten teachers about students moving into their classes; Better communication between early childhood education to elementary education
- Funding & Training; Facility for behavior challenged children
- Child care for children with single parents and grandparents taking care of children and financial help for grandparents and single parents.
- More open space availability and transportation
- In my opinion, there is huge need for transportation to get children from homes on the northern end of Santa Rosa county in the more rural area. This would make it easier for parents to increase their availability for employment thereby increasing overall productivity while decreasing joblessness.
- Increased funding for quality centers and widespread public recognition of the quality centers that meet certain criteria.
- Training is the the #1 priority for early childhood teachers
- Higher pay opportunities for staff to reach more qualified staff
- Increase in funds for teachers and directors.
- Increased number of high-quality providers
- Transportation to day care facilities for high risk population
- Child care for infants and respite care
- Transportation to and from childcare services
- VPK faith-based sites
- Quality, educated, caring providers
- The county needs more full-time childcare
- Affordable child care
- More child care facilities and infant spaces at existing sites

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Question 16 (See Appendix A for full description of categories)

Which best describes your role in the community? You may select more than one response.

Answered: 97 Skipped: 1

