

# Homer Child Care Program Survey Results \* May 2006

Total responders: 84

**Question 1.**  
**I am a parent with child care needs.** 61 yes, 72% of responders

My children's ages are:

Infant - 6w-17mo/1.5 yr.	Toddler - 18-36mo/ 1.5- 3yr	Pre-School 3-5yr	School 5-7 yr.
26 total kids	19 total kids	26 total kids	14 total kids
39% of Parents listed this age group	30% of Parents listed this age group	41% of Parents listed this age group	20% of Parents listed this age group
10 mo	2	3	6
10 mo	2	3	6
10 mo (twins)	2	3	7
11 mo	2	3	7
11months	2	3 1/2	7 1/2
14months	2	3 1/2	11
17 mo	2	3.5	9,7,6
17months old	2	3.7	6 home schooled
1month	2 1/2	4	6 yrs. old
2 mo	3	4	6,10
2 months	3	4	6,8
2months	28months	4	8,10
2months	18mos	4	
3 mo	2&3	4	
3 mo	2.5 yrs. old	4	
3months	2.5 yrs. old	4	
4 wks	3 in June	4	
4.5 months	31mos	4	
4months		4 1/2	
6 mo		5	
6&9mo.		5	
6months		5	
8 months		5	
9months		3,5	
		3yrs.	

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## Question 2.

I am a community support person: 42 yes, 35% of responders

### Job Titles (alpha):

administrative asst.	PHN
adult care provider	PT assistant
case manager	Public Health nurse
cashier	RN
childcare provider	secondary advisor/connections
clerk	self-employed
director, the center for seal	social worker
employment security specialist	social worker
er clerk	student nurse
KBC student enrollment ser.cood	swim coach
medical assistant	Tap teacher &artist
medical assistant-non-active signs artwork furniture sign painting	teacher
OCS-CSSII	therapist
parent educator/home visitor, Birth 2 Three, Homer children Services	unit clerk @ hospital
patient acct. Rep.II	waitress

### I see a child care need for children ages: Check all that apply.

Infant - 6w-17mo/1.5 yr.	Toddler - 18-36mo/ 1.5-3yr	Pre-School 3-5yr	School 5-7 yr.
23 yes	25	21	19
66%	71%	60%	54%

% of community responders

### Total child care Age needs (parents and community members together):

Infant - 6w-17mo/1.5 yr.	Toddler - 18-36mo/ 1.5-3yr	Pre-School 3-5yr	School 5-7 yr.
46 yes	45	49	35
55%	54%	58%	42%

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<b>Question 3.</b> <b>I believe that our community needs to increase the choices / number of child care programs.</b>		<b>Question 4:</b> <b>I believe there are enough families in this community needing child care to fill the spaces in a new day care program.</b>	
	73 agree		68 agree
	3 disagree		1 disagree
	7 not sure		11 not sure
	1 no answer		4 no answer
	<b>% of responders (83):</b>		<b>% of responders (83):</b>
	88% agree		85% agree
	4% disagree		1% disagree
	8% not sure		14% not sure
	<b>% of total (84):</b>		<b>% of total (84):</b>
	87% agree		81% agree
	4% disagree		1% disagree
	8% not sure		13% not sure
	1% no answer		5% no answer

**Question 5.**  
**What times of day would you or people you work with need child care? Check all that apply.**

Sunday (yes)	Monday (yes)	Tuesday (yes)	Wednesday (yes)	Thursday (yes)	Friday (yes)	Saturday (yes)
24	68	68	69	66	66	30
<b>% of total:</b>	<b>% of total:</b>	<b>% of total:</b>	<b>% of total:</b>	<b>% of total:</b>	<b>% of total:</b>	<b>% of total:</b>
<b>28.6%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>82.1%</b>	<b>78.6%</b>	<b>78.6%</b>	<b>35.7%</b>

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Time of day (from / to):

# of people reporting:	Start time	end time
	start	end
6am	3	
7am	14	
8am	16	
9am	9	
10am	1	
11am	1	
12pm	2	
1p		
2p	2	2
3p	1	1
4p		2
5p	1	14
6p		15
7p		6
8p		3
9p		3
10p		2
11p		1
12am		1
24 hours	12	
mornings	5	
afterschool	2	

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All times listed:

6:30a-6:30p	8a-6p	all times of day
6:30a-6:30p	8a-7:30P	after school & in the evening
6a-6p	8a-7p	after school to 6/7p
7a-5p	8a-9p	all day
7a-5:30p	8am-6pm	ant times schedules vary
7:30-5:00pm/6:30-3:30	9a-5p	any
7:30-6p	9a-5p	any hours
7:30a-4:30p	9a-5p	days and times varied
7:30a-6:30p	9a-5p	flexible
7:30a-6p	9a-5p ish	half and full time
7a-11p	9a-8p	Me personally: summer time- all day weekdays. School year- afternoons M, Tu, W 12-5p for preschool, 3-5p elem. School. Afterschool drop off daycare/preschool needed
7a-6p	9am-3p	m-f some need / Sa/Sun big need
7a-6p	Mon 9-1:40p/tues 1p-3:40p/thurs 9a-10:15a&1p-3:40p	morning day evening overnight
7a-7p	10a-2p?	mornings mainly some evenings
7a-7p	11a-2p	mornings M-F
7a-8p	11a-9p, or 10p summer; 7a-5p winter	mornings, 2-3 days/week
7a-8p flexibility	12-10p	mornings/ afternoons, 3-4 days, half days
8:00-5:30	12a-12p	we don't the care at specific times as a quality preschool
8:00-5:30	2p-10p	
8:30a-5:30p	2p-6p/5p-10p	
8:30a-5:30p	3p-7p maybe 8in summer	
8;30A-9:30P	5p-7p on Mon&wed. and full time the rest of the week	
8a-5p	24 care	
8a-6 could use 12hrs for shift	24 hours	
8a-6p	all hours	
8a-6p		
8a-6p		
8a-6p		

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**Question 6.**  
**As a parent, would you be willing and able to contribute:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-2 hrs. per week as a teachers aid:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-2 hrs. per week completing a job (admin help, etc):</li> </ul>
45 yes	36 yes
17 not sure	21 not sure
9 no	8 no
13 no answer	19 no answer
<b>% of responders (71):</b>	<b>% of responders (65):</b>
63% yes	55% yes
24% not sure	32% not sure
13% no	12% no
<b>% of total (84):</b>	<b>% of total (84):</b>
54% yes	43% yes
20% not sure	25% not sure
11% no	10% no
15% no answer	23% no answer

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**Question 7:**  
**If a parent, do you receive day care assistance?**

15 yes
49 no
20 no answer
<b>% of responders (64):</b>
23% yes
77% no
<b>% of total (84):</b>
18% yes
58% no
24% no answer

**If no, what do you currently pay for day care services:**

Full Day	Half Day	Month
\$41	\$23	\$294
average	average	average
\$25	\$15	\$49
\$25	\$15	\$50
\$25	\$15	\$250
\$25	\$20	\$500
\$30	\$20	\$200-\$600
\$32	\$20	\$174 for 3 1/2 days. Preschool = 250/month, 3 1/2 days
\$35	\$20	\$200+ for 2 6hr sessions/wk
\$35	\$21	\$250-650
\$36	\$21	\$338 for less than 12 hours/week
\$40	\$22	\$700 for after school and days M-F
\$40	\$30	varies
\$40	\$60	with assistance \$100 per child
\$100		
\$80		

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**Question 8.**

**Other comments, ideas, thoughts on this project, your child care needs, etc:**

A coop preschool would be awesome! Preschools in Homer are hard to get into I hear and expensive. I would love to be involved in this project as help getting it started and once running. Let me know anything I can do!
ASSUMING A QUALIFIED TEACHER W/ PARENT AIDES-Dev. training for aides-youngest kids and evenings hardest time to find care
better educational programs for the children
Day care for kids under 1 year would be great
Do not have regular day care at this time. I do not need regular day care, but it would be good to have a place I could leave my boys for 1-3 hours when I have to attend a meeting or go to the dentist during the day.
fun outdoor area
Great for new families without help in the community
Great to see action being taken in this area-such a strong need!
I believe our town needs more childcare focusing on child development. The sooner this starts the better
I don't have small children at home but I do believe there is a need for a program like this
I don't have small children -all grown up
I don't need daycare right now but have in the past and probably will in the future. It would be great to have a pre-school/daycare though that would help prepare kids for school and I'm sure any of it would be positive.
I have help inconsistently for \$6 an hr.
I like the idea of coop as child care is expensive and I like to keep an eye on my children I do not leave them just anywhere.
I myself don't need day care yet, but mothers I've spoken to express a need. Homer's day cares seem to only take full timers. Need a place perhaps for quality intermittent care
I only know of two child care places in Homer, It is good to have choices
I think we need more daycare facilities and less in home daycare
I would like care in a home-like setting accessible by bus, not too large, with relaxed but enriching activities. Kids are tired after school

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I would like to know more I do plan on having one more kid but I know it will be harder to work due to double childcare cost I do intend to keep working at least enough to keep my job until the kids are in school then I can work more.

I would like to see additional quality day care preschool options. I am very supportive of the cooperative idea!

I would love to help or be part of this project

If a day care center is state licensed the facility will be able to take children in state custody and ocs can pay [depending on case] the day care cost for that child if that child is in foster care or is placed @ home with parents but still in state custody. Homer is in desperate need of good, high quality safe nurturing, licensed childcare ages 0-12yrs.

I'm self employed and currently working part time from home. So I would be interested in participating

I'm taking time off work so I don't need child care yet

I may be able to help w/ billing. I currently have a home-based medical billing business

Infant and toddler care is needed. NAEYC accredited program would be nice.

I use in home child care so I'm not real sure what the public needs are

looking for affordable pre-school for a few days a week

My daughter has a child in day care and there are not many to choose from. She's been???

nothing new cause I am an at home mom/ teaching skills

Outside environmental is important too. Choice of days not just a Tue or Thur, or M, W, F situation

preschool programs are greatly needed in the community

Summers are tough because school lets out and boys and girls club doesn't open until noon and day care options for both kids to be together are very few. We felt great about Bear Creek learning Center with Connie and Allen Thompson (235-7997) who may like to offer advice/consult when they return to Homer in April. They have lots of experience and ideas. Then last summer we used Tree house with Nancy Yaki and Margi Scholl but they moved and closed. Leaving us with no really outstanding options for this summer. It is extremely stressful for working parents to try and come up with something that works for the kids so they are happy and stimulated. We've talked with other parents (Betsy Crumrine and others ) about a coop situation and about trades, but the reality is hard to coordinate with different family needs.

The child care providers at Bay Club are awesome!

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The space is critical - outdoor space and places within a main building so that children can spread out some even within the same age group kids will have different desires/needs at any given time and being able to split off to a different room is very valuable. One big room feeds tension. It is one thing I treasure about my current provider - kids have many choices for where to be. Quality food needed- because of cost much of the food provided is pretty junky. Incorporate the cost into the overall budget or have parents bring food from home.

There are not many options for child care that is not full time or when time varies. {students who are single parents taking college classes in the evening for example you probably have this info already but I'll pass it on for what it is worth Jenny- here's my take on the situation from my biased sample of friends, etc- the issue of good child care- hard to find care for children under 2- a few good pre-schools out there probably others but these are the ones I hear about {Lutheran church, Bobbi Larrivee & Kim Duggar all pre-school} PJ Bauer-pre-school/ day care Raspberry Lane Pre-school only- Hard to find daycare after 8-5 work hours PJ helped me out when I taught those I credit night classes last semester but I'm not sure she really wanted to be open all the time {yikes} - I've also had students say they will not take a class in the evening due to child care issues. Even two couple family the dad doesn't really help would not put the kids to bed. The issue of family time.

too busy right now to help on ground floor but would be glad to be a resource, esp. for pre-school segment

We desperately need more child care for infants and toddlers

we have clients that would benefit from drop in semi -occasional need

We need a good preschool