

2008-09 Annual Report

Serving the community for 36 years



BAINAINAS, Inc.

2008-09 Annual Agency Service Report

BANANAS is a child care referral service founded in 1973. We provide a variety of free services to parents and child care providers living in six cities of northern Alameda County - Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont. Services are offered in Amharic, Cantonese, Laotian, Mandarin, Mien, Spanish, Thai, Tigrigna, Vietnamese and English. This brief overview reflects services provided during the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Total Service Contacts: 133,279

Website Visitors: 309,975

Child Care Referrals

Total Child Care Referral Calls: 3,702

Number of Children Represented: 4,373

Referrals by City and Age Group			
	Infants	Preschool	School-Age
Alameda	335	142	70
Albany	111	68	24
Berkeley	482	209	58
Emeryville	43	25	10
Oakland	1402	894	353
Piedmont	19	10	3
Other	69	32	14
% by Age	56.28%	31.56%	12.17%

Child Care Programs in our Referral Files	
Family Child Care	596
Child Care Centers	285
Exempt Child Care Centers	75
In-Home Caregivers	260
One Family Only	11
Shared Care Situations	62
Total	1,289

Technical Assistance to Child Care Programs

Alameda	4,921	Information and assistance to all providers including referrals, help in starting new programs, how and where to find jobs, sample forms, workshops and classes, video lending and much more.
Albany	2,045	
Berkeley	7,675	
Emeryville	1,125	
Oakland	22,261	
Piedmont	267	
Other	3,481	

Technical Assistance to Exempt Providers: 20,672

Parent and Community information

Information and assistance provided on a variety of topics including health, public policy, pre-crisis counseling, employment issues, community events, workshops & support groups and referrals to other service agencies:

97,970 calls, in-person & e-mail contacts

Publications

BANANAS' Newsletter is published five times a year and distributed to over **10,000** individuals and organizations. We publish over **100** free handouts. We responded to **22,852** requests for copies of these materials and distributed countless additional handouts and publications to walk-in clients. Visitors to our website downloaded **66,836** publications during the course of the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Workshops, Classes and Support Groups

Every year, we choose workshops based on new ideas and requests from the community.

158 Parent Workshops:


Sample Topics: How to Bully Proof Your Child • Choosing Child Care • Baby Basics • Yoga & Massage With Baby • Sleep Issues • Baby Language & Brain Development • Single Parent Support Group • Father Support Group • New Moms Group • Teen Parenting • Arg! My Children Are Fighting Again • Positive Parenting • Spirited Child Series • Living with Ones, Twos, Threes & Fours • Toilet Training • Help Your Child Deal With Discomfort


234 Provider Workshops & College Classes:


Sample Topics: Inclusion: Speech & Language • Field Trip Fun • Child Development & Curriculum • Playtime • Hands-on Activity Workshops • Temperament Classes • In-home Support Group • What is Montessori • Behavior in Children Series • Fire Safety Workshop • Family Child Care Series in Spanish • Ethnic Doll Making


Total Workshop Attendance: 6,050


Child Care Payment Programs


 **CalWORKs Stage 2** - Funded by the California Department of Education. Served **643** children of parents currently on CalWORKs or off CalWORKs for less than two years who resided in Northern Alameda County.


 **CalWORKs Stage 3** - Funded by the California Department of Education. Served **926** children of parents who have been off CalWORKs more than two years who resided in Northern Alameda County.


 **Federal Block Grant Vendor (CAPP)**- Funded by the California Department of Education. Served **456** children under 5 years of age from families who resided in Northern Alameda County

 **Respite** - Funded by the California Department of Education. Served **75** children of all ages whose families were in crisis and could benefit from short term child care.

 **Alameda County Respite** - Funded by Alameda County with funds from the California Department of Education. Served **155** children of all ages whose families were in crisis and who resided in Northern Alameda County.

 **Alameda CDBG Vendor** - Funded by the City of Alameda with federal CDBG funding. Served **12** children of all ages whose families resided in the city of Alameda.

 **Berkeley City College** - Funded by Berkeley City College, using federal funds. Served **9** children of parents enrolled in Berkeley City College CalWORKs programs.

 **Bayer Vendor** - Funded by the Bayer Corporation. Served **8** Berkeley children. This program was created through a development agreement which allowed Bayer to expand its Berkeley plant.

Bilingual Services

Amharic & Tigrigna	ለእኛ ለህጻናት ለሥራ ለገቢ
Chinese	我們說國語和粵語
English	We Speak English
French	Nous Parlons Français
Laotian	ພວກເຮົາສຽງລາວ
Mien	We speak Mien
Spanish	Hablamos Español
Thai	พวกเราพูดภาษาไทย
Vietnamese	Chúng tôi nói tiếng Việt Nam

Comprehensive services include child care referrals, child care provider & parenting classes and workshops. We have strong relationships with many organizations such as the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, Alameda County First Five, the Infant/Toddler Consortium and the Family Resource Network. We work hard to create a welcoming environment for our clients. Many of our handouts are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Laotian & Amharic.

Bilingual Assistance: 26,466 contacts


Centralized Eligibility List

BANANAS administers the Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) in Alameda County. This program is funded by the California Department of Education, Child Development Division. This single, county-wide list provides 42 different agencies with information about the most eligible families.

There are currently **7,044**

children and **5,414** families on the CEL who are waiting for subsidized child care services throughout the County. To qualify for a child care subsidy parents must be working or in school and earn below 75% of the State Median Income. The CEL enables families to have access to all programs for which they qualify. This program is designed to help families and providers find each other and enables more children to be served in subsidized child care.

Special Projects & Funders

 **Alameda County Children & Families Commission** funds:


ECC Parenting Workshops and Classes - many classes in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese including Booties Camp, a five-part series covering baby basics, yoga with babies, baby massage, sleep issues, and baby language and development for new and expecting parents.


Career Advocate & Training Coordinator - professional development information and support for early care providers including the coordination of new training opportunities.


Inclusion Specialist - information and support to parents seeking child care for their children with special needs and to child care providers offering this care.


Transcript Evaluation - translates foreign transcripts for students pursuing careers in child care.

Family, Friends and Neighbor Support Initiative - non-monetary incentives to encourage license exempt child care providers to attend workshops and classes.


 **Bayer Corporation** - assistance to Berkeley child care providers with CPR and First Aid health and safety training as well as an Alternative Payment Program to offset child care costs for working parents.

 **CalWORKs Stage 1 Support** - BANANAS provides enhanced child care referrals and support to CalWORKs recipients living in our service area. Technical assistance is provided to parents and providers.

 **Child Development Division - California Department of Education** underwriting our subsidized programs and our resource and referral services.

 **Parent Voices** - a community organizing project to improve the lives of children through parental advocacy for child care. Funded by Trio Foundation, the San Francisco Foundation and individual donors. Funding also through Marguerite Casey Foundation, Peppercorn Foundation, Penney Family Fund, and Walter S. Johnson Foundation for statewide Parent Voices activities.

 **United Way of The Bay Area's Donor Option Program** - BANANAS' Donor Option Number is 3026

 Donations from **YOU!**

Our Mission: Still true after 36 years!

- Serving the diverse families of Northern Alameda County with free information on child care and family services.
- Offering services to enable all families to choose from a wide variety of support services thereby encouraging maximum self-sufficiency.
- Selecting services which are based on the agency staff continuously listening and responding to the changing family needs of BANANAS' clients.
- Playing a role in society recognizing its responsibility to support families and child care providers.

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