

 **San Jose Downtown**

Estrella Family Child Care Center

at Gardner Elementary School
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Hours and Days of Operation	6:30 am - 6:00 pm, Monday - Friday
Ages Accepted	2.9 yrs - 5 yrs Pre-School / 5 -12 yrs Before & After School
Number of Spaces	120 (48 Pre-School & 72 School-Age)
Ability to accept children with Special Needs?	Yes
Teacher to Child Ratio	1:8 Pre-School 1:14 School-Age
Staff/Employee Qualifications	Children's Center Permit, appropriate credentials
Languages spoken by staff other than English	Spanish
Average Rate of Vacancies	Very few during the school year, most openings occur in August
Wait List	Yes
Average Time of Wait	4 to 18 months
Fees/Costs	Most families are subsidized, fees based on income
Subsidies Accepted	Yes
Curriculum Implemented	Our Academic Success Program features Science, Math, Literacy and Technology, integrating the best principles of early childhood education based on active experimentation, social interaction and learning through play.
Kindergarten-Readiness Assessment Method Used	Desired Results (State mandated assessment tool)
Philosophy/Statement	Estrella Family Services believes in guiding growth and discovery in every child and family. Our program emphasizes academic success, family involvement, preventive health screening, and enriching on site and off site activities.
Feeder Elementary Schools	Gardner Elementary School (downtown SJ area)
Young Explorer Computer on-site	Yes
How parents are involved in children's care and learning	Through parent conferences about their child's progress and Raising a Reader Program.
Family Services Support Coordinator	On-site part-time Counselor
Co-located Service Clinics	
Additional Features/Services	The Parent Services Project, which plans family events. The new facility, including a state of the art playground. Student Volunteers from the University of Santa Clara and San Jose State University. A Family Child Care Home Network that serves infants and toddlers and feeds into the Gardner preschool program. A Kids to Camp Scholarship Program.