



2025-27 Child Care and Development Fund State Plan



CCDF State Plan – ACF-118

- Application and agreement for the CCDF
- Completed every 3 years
- Due July 1st prior to the reporting period
- CCDF 2025-27 State Plan is effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027.
- Federal requirement that the plan be developed in collaboration with the ECPC.



ECPC Parent
and Workforce
Advisory
Subcommittees
Meeting on
November 16,
2023

Presumptive eligibility

Family fee exemptions

Use of quality funds for the child care
and development workforce

Training and Professional
Development

And open forum topics participants
brought to our attention

Presumptive Eligibility

- Child care services would be available prior to the collection and submission of all required documentation
- “Grace period” would be for a predetermined time period



Responses

- Most agreed that presumptive eligibility would be beneficial to families
- 30 days was perceived as a reasonable amount of time for the families to collect the required documentation that supports their eligibility and need.
- Other considerations:
 - When does 24-month eligibility begin?
 - Reimbursement during the presumptive time frame even if the family is subsequently found to be not eligible.

Questions 3.2.4

Family Fees Exemptions

- Currently, CDSS exempts these families from paying family fees:
 - Those with incomes below 75 percent of the State Median Income (SMI)
 - Those receiving Child Protective Service or have been identified as, at risk of being abused, neglected, or exploited
 - Those receiving CalWORKs cash aid
 - Those receiving Child Care and Development Services for Children with Special Needs
 - Those enrolled in the Federal Based Migrant Program; and
 - Those eligible for child care based on experiencing homelessness in specified pilot counties



Responses to Family Fee Exemptions

Participants also suggested considering the additions of:

- Families who are escaping domestic violence
- Single parent families
- Families residing in school districts that qualify for free and reduced lunches
- Those working in the child care and development workforce

In other input sessions, we also heard comments supporting the additions of:

- Active military families
- College students
- Grandparents raising their grandchildren

Participants also suggested considering the cost of living in an area as part of determining the family fee structure

Use of quality funds for workforce trainings

- Workforce Pathways Grant, Quality Counts CA, Language Project, Infant Family Mental Health consultation, etc.
- Does the ECPC workforce committee have feedback on the offering of topics, access to the array of offerings, or additional supports missing?



Feedback on Workforce Trainings

Current offerings are beneficial to their programs. Additional considerations noted included that:

- grants and fundings are difficult to find,
- trainings should be tied to the actual degree of higher education, and
- the trainings and resources should be available to all the workforce, not just those providers who are state subsidized.

Some additional training topics suggested for consideration to provide to the workforce included:

- Trainings to support new providers
- Continue to fund the CCPU training Fund
- Strengthening the relationships between the providers and the parents
- An overview of how to use the CDSS website
- Provide funding opportunities to market their programs or develop websites for their programs.

More Feedback

Professional Development needs identified included:

- How to provide case management support for families
 - Trainings for new providers
 - Multiple languages
 - Holding trainings in the provider's space
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- Resource and Referral programs discussed the benefits of the Child Care Initiative Program (CCIP), including:
 - Financial assistance to providers participating in CCIP for start-up costs.
 - Access to the funding is difficult to navigate.



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What else is on your mind?

Other Considerations Raised

- Request to include child care considerations in the whole-child, whole-family approach used in other programs at CDSS. Align programs better to decrease the burden on both providers and families. For example, documentation from other support programs should suffice for documentation for child care.
- Have one definition for infants across all programs.
- Consider using an “Area” or “county” median income instead of State Median Income for determining income eligibility.
- Offer child care assistance to the early childhood workforce through community colleges.
- Have a Parent and Provider liaison at Resource and Referral agencies.
- Paid Two Week Notice: The state should reimburse providers for the space that was “utilized” when a family does not provide a two week notice of leaving care.

Any questions or comments?



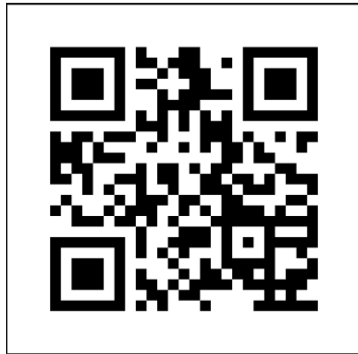
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