



Child Care & Development Division
ECPC Parent and Workforce Advisory
Committees
November 16, 2023
10:00am -12:00pm

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WELCOME EVERYONE

Your input matters!

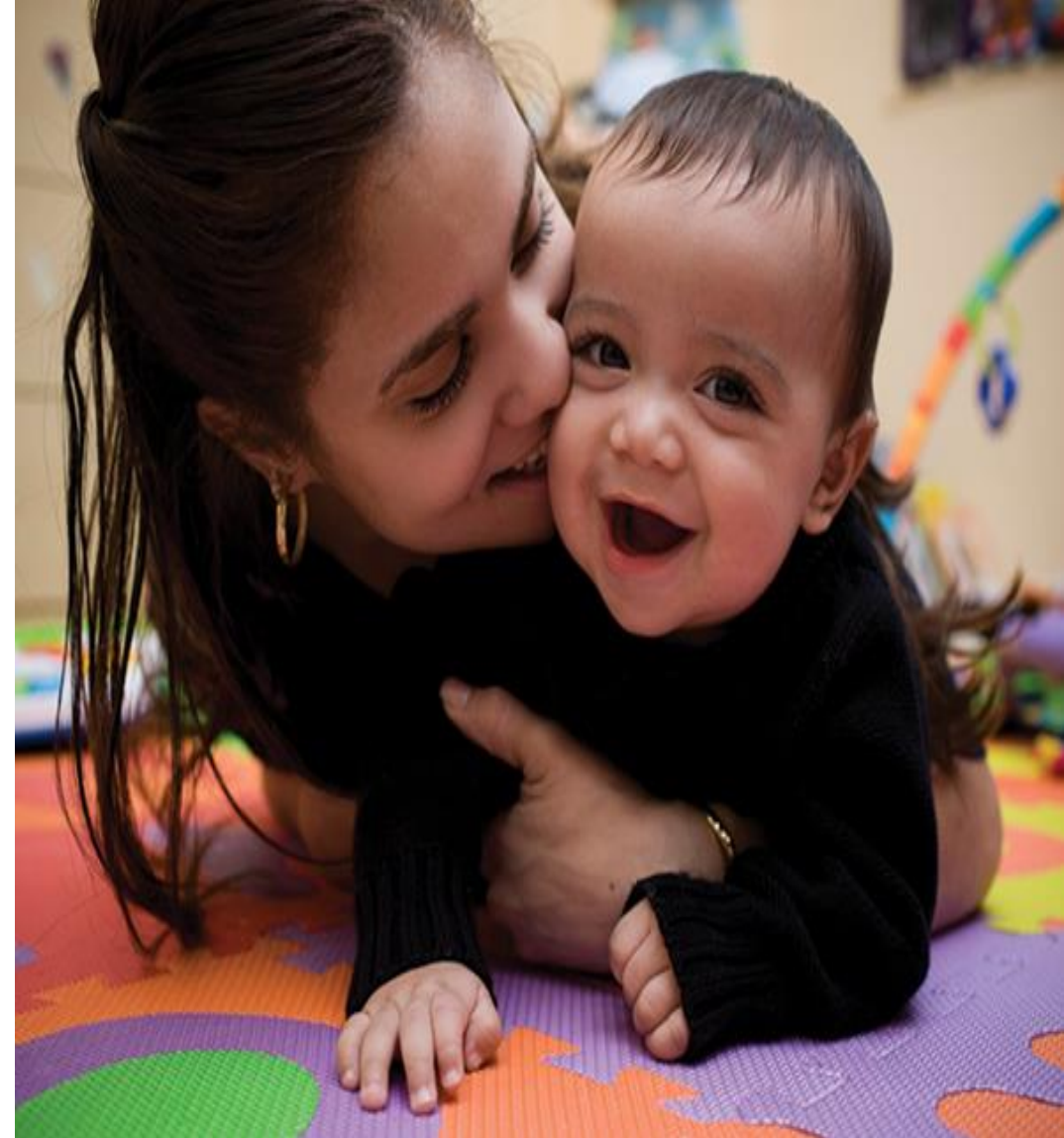
2025-27 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan



- Federal block grant administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Care (OCC)
- The requirements for the CCDF are found in Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 98.

CCDF State Plan – ACF-118 (1)

- It is an 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.



CCDF State Plan ACF-118 (2)

- CCDF State Plan explains how California will use the funds to meet the requirements in the following areas:
 - Leadership and Coordination with Relevant Systems
 - Family Engagement and Consumer Education
 - Providing Financial Assistance to Families
 - Equal Access to Child Care
 - Standards and Monitoring to ensure Health and Safety
 - Recruitment of an Effective Workforce
 - Continuous Quality Improvement, and
 - Program Integrity and Accountability



CCDF State Plan Section 3. Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families

- 3.1 Eligible children and Families
- 3.1.5 Additional eligibility concerns
- Presumptive eligibility
 - Child care service would be available prior to the collection and submission of all required documentation
 - “grace period” would be for a predetermined time period



Our questions for you?

- How would this benefit families?
- What are your concerns about this policy?
- Are there questions that you anticipate the policy will raise when it is implemented?
- Is the proposed 3 months a reasonable amount of time to allow families to collect and submit the documentation?

Questions 3.2.4 Waiving Family Fees

Currently, CDSS waives family fees for families who are:

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



Our questions for you?

- Given the new fee schedule that sets fees at no more than 1% of the family income, is there still a need for other family fee exemptions?
- If so, which populations would you suggest?

State Plan Sections 6 and 7 Training and Professional Development for our Workforce

Currently, CCDF provides for the 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?





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What else is on your mind?

Future Opportunities for input (1)

- Southern California at the Riverside County Office of Education – Monday, November 20, 2023, from 10:00am – 12:00pm
- In-person session at the CDSS headquarters in downtown Sacramento on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, from 10:00am - 12:00pm
- A virtual session via zoom on Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 10:00am -12:00pm.

Future Opportunities for input (2)

- 30-day public comment period in February 2024
- Public hearing in February 2024
- Final plan submitted no later than July 1, 2024.
- RSVPs and any Questions: STATEPLN@dss.ca.gov

Join our CCDD listserv

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Thank you!



**Please email us with any other
comments or questions:**

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**August 29 Joint Meeting of ECPC Advisory Committees
Policy Issues to Lift Up on Behalf of Parents and Providers**

1. Create career pathways for providers – and continued pay increases.
2. Establish free education programs and loan forgiveness opportunities for early educators to enable them to get degrees without going into terrible debt.
3. Ensure all types of early childhood provider voices are represented and heard in discussions on the impacts of UPK and TK on the early childhood field.
4. Ensure school bond funding includes investments in the early childhood education infrastructure.
5. Expand the paid family leave program, by extending the period of paid leave and wage replacement.
6. Increase availability of infant toddler care by offering higher pay for these providers and consider a specialized license to serve infants.
7. Enable a family child care license to follow the provider when they move, rather than linking the license to the home address.
8. Increase access to special needs evaluations—both in terms of having more evaluations available and making them affordable, as well as training for early educators who are serving these children.



Early Childhood Policy Council (DRAFT)

December 22, 2023

Governor Gavin Newsom, State of California

Speaker Robert Rivas, California State Assembly

Pro Tem Toni Atkins, California State Senate

Assemblymember Philip Ting, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee

Senator Nancy Skinner, Chair, Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review, Chair, Women's Legislative Caucus

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Vice Chair, Women's Legislative Caucus

Dear Governor, Madam Pro Tem, Mr. Speaker, Chairs, and Vice Chair:

The Early Childhood Policy Council (ECPC) was established in law via Senate Bill 75 (Chapter 51, Statutes of 2019) to advise the Governor, Legislature, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction on statewide early learning and care policy.

We are writing to express our appreciation for the Administration's and Legislature's commitment to California's youngest members, their families, and early childhood care providers, as demonstrated in the 2023-24 State Budget.

Specifically, we want to acknowledge the State's historic investments, including transforming the family fees, extending the hold harmless policy, and providing increased funding to child care providers and programs to keep their doors open.

We also recognize and appreciate the Administration's establishment of the Rate and Quality Workgroup – and now the Rate and Quality Advisory Panel – to address the state's woefully inadequate reimbursement rate structure. We look forward to the Administration's and Legislature's adoption of the Panel's recommendations in the forthcoming report, expected July 1, 2024, to establish a regionalized reimbursement rate that:

1. Compensates all teachers and child care providers for the true cost of providing care by reimbursing them at rates that reflect the economic diversity of California;

2. Recognizes the costs of meeting varying quality standards and regulations; and,
3. Strengthens the ability of the state's mixed delivery system to provide quality options.

As you embark on the State Budget development process for State Fiscal Year 2024-25, we look forward to the Administration and Legislature upholding the investments cited above, as well as expanding access to child care for the tens of thousands of families still in need and providing ongoing funding support to attract and retain members of the ECE workforce.

As your partners in helping California families with young children navigate the challenges of today and supporting the early care and learning workforce provide essential services that support California's economy, we look forward to working with you to ensure our children remain a top priority.

Sincerely,

Early Childhood Policy Council
ECPC Parent Advisory Committee
ECPC Workforce Advisory Committee

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