

Pathways to Join California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Family Childcare Home Education Network (FCCHEN)

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What is a CSPP FCCHEN?

- “Family childcare home education network” means an entity organized under law that contracts with the Department of Education (CDE) to make payments to licensed family childcare home providers and to provide educational and support services to those providers and to children and families eligible for state-subsidized early learning services. (EC) Section 8205
- The California Education Code (EC) Section 8223 addresses FCCHEN requirements for CDE programs

The Role of a CSPP FCCHEN Contractor: Quality Components

CSPP contractors providing services through a CSPP FCCHEN are required to ensure and support family childcare homes (FCCHs) in the network with providing the following quality components:

- Activities for children that are age and developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate for the children served.
- Care and supervision of children.
- Parenting strengthening and engagement
- Identification of child and family social or health needs, referral of the child or the family to the appropriate social or health services, and follow-up is conducted
- Nutrition, including meals and snacks for children.

The Role of a CSPP FCCHEN Contractor: Quality Components (2)

FCCHEN contractors are additionally required to:

- Train and support the FCCHEN's family childcare providers and staff.
- Assess each family childcare provider to ensure that services are of high quality and are educationally and developmentally appropriate.
- Ensure that a developmental profile is completed for each child based upon observations of network staff, in consultation with the provider, and the parents

The Role of a CSPP FCCHEN Contractor: Administrative Activities

CSPP Contractors providing services through a CSPP FCCHEN are responsible for the following administrative activities:

- Recruiting, enrolling, and certifying eligible families.
- Recruiting, training, supporting, and reimbursing licensed FCCH providers.
- Assessing and collecting family fees
- Assessing, according to standards set by CDE, the educational component of the program offered in each FCCH in the network.
- Monitoring requirements, including quality standards, and conducting periodic assessments of program quality in each FCCH in the network.
- Providing data and reporting in accordance with contract requirements.

Benefits of FCCHENs For Contractors & The Community

Offering services through FCCHENs:

- Provides high-quality learning opportunities to children who you have been previously unable to enroll
- Helps programs fully enroll or expand their contract without hiring new staff or accessing new facilities
- Provides CSPP services in rural and geographically isolated areas
- Helps stabilize FCCHs in the community
- Helps leverage opportunities to blend multiple funding streams to expand access to high-quality services
- Provides continuity of care for children and families in mixed age settings, if enrolled in a stable family childcare home across multiple years

Benefits of FCCHENs: Contractors and the Community (2)

- Offers non-traditional hours and/or days of service
- Provides more flexibility for the agency
- Offers smaller, home-like environment for children
- Allows siblings of varying ages to be placed together
- Provides opportunities for Home language care

Benefits of FCCHENs: Family Childcare Home Providers

FCCHENs benefits providers by:

- Offering increased professional development opportunities
- Coaching/mentoring in the provider's home
- Assisting with the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP)
- Assisting with development and implementation of activity plans/curriculum
- Providing access to materials and equipment

Current CSPP Contractors Providing services Through a CSPP FCCHEN

- CDE Currently Contracts with 5 FCCHEN Contractors for CSPP in the following counties:
 - Monterey
 - San Francisco
 - San Luis Obispo
 - Santa Cruz
 - Shasta

How to Become a CSPP FCCHEN Contractor

- Apply for new CSPP funding as it becomes available
- Current CSPP Contractors may propose to use a portion of their existing CSPP contract funds. To do this:
 - Submit a Program Narrative Change
 - Work with your assigned Program Quality Implementation (PQI) office regional Consultant
- Recruit qualified, licensed family childcare home providers to join the network
- Support providers to ensure they meet all the necessary quality requirements
- Recruit, enroll, and begin certifying eligible families

How to Become a CSPP FCCHEN Provider

- Operate a licensed family childcare home
- Have a current, and appropriate Child Development permit, issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC)
- Check with the local Resource and Referral Agency for contractors operating a FCCHEN in the area
- Contact the contractor and inquire about joining the network
- Work with the contractor to determine the necessary steps to meet quality requirements based on the CSPP FCCHEN contract
- Sign a contract/agreement with the CSPP FCCHEN contractor to provide services

UPK Mixed Delivery Recommendations

Intersectionality of Quality and Access:

Provide pathways for FCCHs to join FCCHENs

- Providing recommendations and technical assistance to CSPP contractors on how to offer services through a FCCHEN
- Ensuring CSPP contractors and applicants are aware of expansion funding opportunities and to provide services through a CSPP FCCHEN.
- Working with early learning and care infrastructure partners to communicate opportunities to join a FCCHEN to FCCH providers
- Modifying the CSPP Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) Block Grant Request for Applications to include stronger focus on FCCHENs

Exploring Opportunities to Expand Access to CSPP Through Family Child Care Homes:



Find resources and materials here:

<https://cauniversalprek.org/>

Questions