

# CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care for Student Parents

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# Poll Question

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- How much on average does full-time child care cost parents annually in a child care center for a child under the age of 2?
  - A. Less than \$10,000
  - B. \$12,000
  - C. \$14,000
  - D. More than \$15,000



# Answer

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California	Amount	
	Infant	Preschooler
Type of Facility		
Child Care Center	\$17,384	\$12,168
Family Child Care Home	\$11,718	\$10,975

Source: KidsData.Org



# Why is Immediate and Continuous Stage 1 Child Care so Important?

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- Two generational approach to ending poverty
  - It benefits both the parents and their children
  - Quality uninterrupted child care fosters children's development
  - Stable child care allows parents to focus primarily on tending to their family's needs



# Immediate and Continuous Stage 1 Child Care in a Snapshot

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1. **Immediate** authorization of child care
2. Continual service for **12 months with no interruption**
3. Expanded list of program activities for which full-time child care should be authorized
4. Full-time child care, unless parent prefers part-time
5. Child care security **before** the county schedules any required activities or welfare appointments (county must verify family has child care)
6. A new child care request form (CCP-7)



# Deep Dive into Immediate and Continuous Stage 1 Child Care

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- What does immediate child care mean?
  - ▣ Stage 1 from day 1!



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- What does continuous child care mean?
  - Once child care is authorized, children receive child care services for 12 months or until transfer to Stage 2, even if:
    - Activity stops, changes or hours change
    - Parent stops participating or is sanctioned
    - Changes in income occur, so long as it doesn't go over 85% of the State Median Income (SMI)





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## □ Expanded Approved Program Activities

Program activities for which full-time immediate and continuous Stage One Child Care should be authorized include, but are not limited to: any WTW activity, orientation, appraisal, assessment, job search, job club, domestic violence services, court appearances, housing searches and classes, homeless support programs, shelter participation requirements, eviction proceedings, mental health services, including therapy or personal counseling, home visiting, drug and substance abuse services, parenting classes, and medical or education-related appointments for the participant or their dependents ([WIC Section 11323.2\(c\)](#)). This expanded list of program activities applies to recipients expected to be referred to WTW, mandated participants, exempt volunteers, and sanctioned individuals.



# Who is eligible for Stage 1 Child Care?

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## ARE YOU

Getting  
CalWORKs cash  
aid or eligible for  
CalWORKs?

Going to school or  
planning to go to  
school?

Caring for a child  
under 13 or over  
the age of 13 with  
special needs?

**If you answered yes to all 3 questions, you can get stable, full-time child care at low or no cost**



# How do Student Parents ask for Stage 1 Child Care?

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- If they are already receiving CalWORKs Cash Aid:
  - They can contact their CalWORKs worker and tell them that they need child care to attend school
  - Parents' CalWORKs worker should give them a Child Care Request Form (CCP 7) or parents can ask for one



# How do Student Parents ask for Stage 1 Child Care?

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- If they are applying for CalWORKs Cash Aid:
  - ▣ Once parents apply for CalWORKs Cash Aid, their **worker must ask them if they need child care**
  - ▣ Parents will fill out a Child Care Request Form (CCP 7)



# Student Parents Get to Choose Their Provider!

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- Once approved, parents can call their local child care resource and referral agency for help finding the best child care option for their situation
- What are my options?
  - ▣ Child Care Center
  - ▣ Family Child Care Provider
  - ▣ License Exempt Provider



# License Exempt Providers

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- This term refers to family, friends and neighbors
- License-exempt child care is a valid parental choice
- The good news is that these providers can get paid by whoever administers Stage 1 Child Care in their county
- **TrustLine Registration is required for these providers**



# The TrustLine Registry Process

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- Call Trustline at 1.800.822.8490 to get an application or visit their website to fill out a request form
- Get fingerprints scanned
  - Fingerprints must be submitted with the application and must be sent electronically through a Live Scan submission form
- Pay fees
  - Total is around \$135 - \$170
- Mail the application packet with your Live Scan Form, and a check for the fees



# Key Takeaways

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1. Immediate, continuous Stage 1 Child Care creates stability for families and helps children thrive
2. Student parents who are receiving CalWORKs cash aid with age-eligible children qualify for Stage 1 Child Care
3. Families are guaranteed 12 months of full-time child care with no interruption as soon as they are approved for cash aid
4. Parents get to choose their own providers
5. Family, friends and neighbors who are license exempt providers can receive payment for their services
6. **Child Care Law Center is here to help!**





# Resources For You

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- [New Rights to Immediate and Continuous Child Care](#)
  - [All County Letter 19-99](#)
  - [CCP-7](#)
  - [Trustline Instructions](#)
    - [Trustline request form](#)
  - [Management Bulletin 20-12](#)
  - [Student Parent Flyer](#)
  - Visit [www.childcarelaw.org](http://www.childcarelaw.org) for more information
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## THANK YOU!

