



Child Care & Development Division Updates

Greetings Child Care Partners,

This message serves to inform you that child care providers who meet the eligibility requirements for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stipends authorized by Assembly Bill 179 and Assembly Bill 110 will receive a final stipend in the amount of \$152 per child this winter. The [same eligibility rules apply](#) to this final stipend that applied to the \$1442, \$440, and \$275 stipends.

To receive this stipend:

- Child care providers must have already completed [the ARPA survey](#)
 - Licensed child care providers must be open or temporarily closed
 - License-exempt family, friend, and neighbor child care providers must be currently providing subsidized care
 - Child care providers must have cared for a child enrolled in one of the below programs in April 2022:
 - CalWORKs Stages One, Two (C2AP), and Three (C3AP)
 - California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP)
 - California Migrant Alternative Payment Program (CMAP)
 - Migrant Child Development Programs (CMIG)
 - General Child Care and Development Programs (CCTR)
 - Family Child Care Home Education Networks (CFCC)
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- Child Care and Development Services for Children with Special Needs (CHAN)
- Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program)

CDSS is working with [Child Development Associates](#) to issue and distribute this stipend funding to Alternative Payment Programs (APPs) and direct-service contractors. In counties where the Stage One and/or Bridge Programs are administered in-house by the county and where no business relationship exists between the Stage One/Bridge Program provider and an APP, Child Development Associates will issue stipend payments to providers directly.

Child care and development contractors must make every effort to distribute payments to child care providers as soon as possible, but within no more than **forty-five (45) calendar days** after receiving funding. Child Care Provider United (CCPU) dues should not be deducted from these stipends.

Contractors that are unable to pay providers within this timeframe must notify their [Program Quality and Improvement Branch Consultant](#) to provide a reason for the delay.

Contractors are encouraged to pay child care providers through electronic payments, such as direct deposit, for providers who prefer an electronic method of payment pursuant to [Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10231.5\(a\)](#)

For More Information:

If you or your staff have questions about these stipends, please contact ccpb@dss.ca.gov.

In partnership,

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