

July 2019 Featured Agency of the Month

Stanislaus County Office of Education- Child & Family Services



The fundamental work of the [Child & Family Services Division](#) is distinct and focuses on the period of life where the foundation for future success is built; ages zero to five. It's the time when the brain grows the most, where support and early intervention makes a huge difference for children and their families, and where the investments you make pay off. Child & Family Services gives children a head start in school, work, and life by educating children, supporting parents, and developing the professionals who work with them.

Child & Family Services receives funding for the following programs that serve children, their parents/guardians, and the professionals who work with them:

Alternative Payment Program

Helps families arrange child care services and makes payment for those services directly to the child care provider selected by the family. The program is intended to increase parental choice and accommodate the individual needs of the family. Child care arrangements can be made as in-home care, family child care, and center-based care.

California State Preschool - Part Day and Full Day

Part-day and full-day preschool that provides a core class curriculum that is developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate for the children served. The program also provides meals and snacks to children, parent education, referrals to health and social services for families, and staff development opportunities to employees.

California State Preschool Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)

Assesses program quality of California State Preschool programs and supports continuous quality improvement for participating programs and their staff.

California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend

Provides professional development cash stipends for teachers to obtain 24 college units in early childhood education, child development, or both.

Child and Adult Care Food Program

Financial aid for licensed child care centers and family child care homes. The object of the program is to support improved diets of children under 13 years of age by providing the children with nutritious, well-balanced meals and to help children develop good eating habits that will last through later years.

Child Care Development Block Grant, Health and Safety and Infant Toddler Resource

Provides funds to support required health and safety and infant/toddler training for staff.

Child Care Initiative Project

Recruits, trains, and retains licensed family child care providers. Improves the training capacity of the Child Care Resource & Referral program and enhances professional development activities.

Stanislaus County Child Care Resource & Referral Program

Help parents find child care that best meets their family needs; documents parents' requests for child care services; maintains comprehensive databases of child care providers in their communities, including licensed family child care homes and child care centers; track providers' licensing status, the languages they speak, the age groups they serve, the schedules they offer, and the number of spaces available in centers or family child care homes; works with providers to improve the quality of child care

and to maintain and expand the supply of child care in each county; provides training and other services that help providers stay in business; compiles and disseminates information on the statewide supply and demand for child care; and educates local communities and leaders to understand child care issues and to plan effectively to address child care needs. Area Served: **Stanislaus County Child Care Salary and Retention Incentive**

Assists with improving the retention of qualified early education staff who work directly with children in state funded early education services.

Stanislaus County Child Care and Development Local Planning Council

Supports the overall coordination of child care services. Conduct assessments of county child care needs and to prepares plans to address identified needs. These assessments must contain information on the supply and demand for child care, including the need for both privately paid and publically funded care.

Early Head Start

Provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to infants and toddlers and their families, and pregnant women and their families. Offered in child care centers and as a home based program.

Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership

Provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to infants and toddlers and their families, and pregnant women and their families. Offered in through child care partners in family child care homes.

Educator Effectiveness

Provides professional development and promotes educator quality and effectiveness.

Harvest of the Month

Partners with local farmer to provide fresh and locally grown fruits and vegetables for children. Provides teacher and family training on incorporating daily physical activity into schedules and healthy cooking.

Head Start

Provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to preschool children and their families. Offered in child care centers.

Infant/Toddler Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)

Assesses program quality of programs serving infants and toddlers and supports continuous quality improvement for participating programs and their staff.

Migrant and Seasonal Head Start

Provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to infants, toddlers, preschool children and their families. Children must have parents/guardians whose annual income comes primarily from migrant (moved in the last two years) or seasonal agricultural work. Offered in child care centers and in family child care homes.

Migrant Child Care - Part Year and Full Year

Provides child development services to infants, toddlers, and preschool children and their families. Children must have parents/guardians who earn at least 50% of their total gross income from employment in fishing, agriculture or agriculturally related work during the twelve month period. Offered in child care centers.

Migrant Early Head Start

Provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to infants and toddlers and their families, and pregnant women and their families. Pregnant women and children must have parents/guardians whose annual income comes primarily from migrant (moved in the last two years) or seasonal agricultural work. Offered in child care centers and in family child care homes.