

Child Care Subsidy Summary¹

Programs serve income eligible families that are at or below 85 percent of State Median Income.

Voucher-Based Programs

Regional Market Rate. Families may choose any licensed or licensed-exempt provider.

CalWORKs Stage One

Funding: \$617.8 million (33 percent GF, 67 percent Federal)

Number of Children Funded: 52,505

Eligibility: Begins when family enters the CalWORKs program.

CalWORKs Stage Two

Funding: \$657.4 million (88 percent GF, 12 percent Federal)

Number of Children Funded: 56,575

Eligibility: Begins when family is considered "stable" as defined by CWDs.

CalWORKs Stage Three

Funding: \$515.5 million (48 percent GF, 52 percent Federal)

Number of Children Funded: 45,970

Eligibility: Begins 24 months after family stops receiving cash aid. Family may remain in Stage Three, to the extent that funding is available until the family income exceeds the eligibility ceiling or the child ages out.

CAPP

Funding: \$2.0 billion (75 percent GF, 16 percent Federal, 9 percent Prop 64 Funds)

Number of Children Funded: 161,332

Eligibility: For non-CalWORKs families that are income eligible and in need of child care services.

CMAP

Funding: \$37.2 million (85 percent GF, 15 percent Federal)

Number of Children Funded: 2,803

Eligibility: For children of migrant agricultural worker families who are birth through 12 years of age, and for youth with exceptional needs under 21 years of age.

¹ Represents full-year enrollment based on available funding for FY 2025-26. CalWORKs Stages One, Two, and Three enrollment is based on projected caseload. All other programs display a funded enrollment amount which estimates the number of full-time equivalent children that could be enrolled in the program.

All programs above are administered by CDSS effective July 1, 2021. Funding for indirect services (including Resource and Referral and Health and Safety) is not included. Total funding, funding ratios, and caseload is based on the 2025 May Revision. In addition to the programs listed here Preschool, After-School Programs, and California Community Colleges Child Care also serve children in state subsidized care.