

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: \$597.7 million (32 percent GF, 68 percent Federal)

Number of Children Funded: 52,908

Eligibility: Begins when family enters the CalWORKs program.

CalWORKs Stage Two

Funding: \$599.0million (87 percent GF, 13 percent Federal)

Number of Children Funded: 52,356

Eligibility: Begins when family is considered "stable" as defined by County Welfare Departments.

CalWORKs Stage Three

Funding: \$524.1 million (49 percent GF, 51 percent Federal)

Number of Children Funded: 48,076

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: \$2.1 billion (76 percent GF, 16 percent Federal, 8 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.

CMAF

Funding: \$38.1 million (86 percent GF, 14 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 2025-26 Governor's Budget. In addition to the programs listed here Preschool, After-School Programs, and California Community Colleges Child Care also serve children in state subsidized care.

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Voucher-Based Programs (Continued)

Emergency Child Care Bridge

Funding: \$93.7 million (89 percent GF, 7 percent Federal, 4 percent Prop 64 Funds)

Number of Children Funded: 5,537

Eligibility: For children in the foster care system birth through 12 years of age, and for youth with exceptional needs under 21 years of age.

Direct Service Programs

Standard Reimbursement Rate.¹ All programs must meet Title V standards.

CCTR

Funding: \$1.5 billion (74 percent GF, 24 percent Federal, 2 percent Prop 64 Funds)

Number of Children Funded: 61,549

Eligibility: For children birth through 12 years of age, and for youth with exceptional needs under 21 years of age.

CMIG

Funding: \$36.7 million (100 percent GF)

Number of Children Funded: 2,226

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.

CFCC²

Funding: \$55.8 million (72 percent GF, 28 percent Federal)

Number of Children Funded: 3,816

Eligibility: This program provides services through a Family Child Care Home Education Network for children birth through 12 years of age, and for youth with exceptional needs under 21 years of age.

Child Care for Children with Severe Disabilities

Funding: \$1.9 million (100 percent GF)

Number of Children Funded: 111

Eligibility: For children and young adults with severe disabilities under 21 years of age.

¹ Beginning January 2022, Direct Service programs will be reimbursed at the greater of the Standard Reimbursement Rate or the converted daily Regional Market Rate in the county.

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² While CFCC is categorized as a Direct Service Program, providers are reimbursed using the applicable Regional Market Rate ceiling.
