

Child Care Development Program (CCTR)

Income & Needs Eligibility Criteria

1. Needs Criteria

The program prioritizes services for families who demonstrate the greatest need:

- Children under Child Protective Services:** Children who are under the jurisdiction of CPS or have been identified as at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation are given priority.
- Families Experiencing Homelessness:** Families lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence receive priority consideration.
- Children at Risk:** Children identified as at risk of neglect, abuse, or exploitation, but not currently under CPS, are eligible.
- Recipients of Governmental Program Benefits:** Families already receiving benefits from certain governmental programs, such as CalWORKs, are eligible under this criterion.

2. Income Criteria

Families must fall within the income limits set by the state, which are updated annually. These limits are based on family size and income levels.

- Family Income:** Families must fall within certain income thresholds, which are periodically updated to reflect the cost of living and economic conditions in California

3. Other Criteria

- Activity Requirement:** Parents or guardians must be engaged in work, job search, education or training activities
- Residency:** Applicants must be residents of California.

The eligibility process involves filling out an application, proof of income, activity status and residency, among other documentary requirements.

What is CCTR?

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) administers the CCTR program, which stands as a cornerstone in the state's effort to support families in need of affordable childcare. This program is designed to serve a broad spectrum of California's population, particularly low-income families, by providing access to quality childcare and development services. These services are not only aimed at nurturing a child's cognitive, emotional, and social growth but also at enabling parents to engage in productive activities such as employment, education, or training programs.

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Summary

Executive Summary

The California Child Care and Development Programs, particularly the California Child Care and Development Services (CCTR) program, provides a vital service to families across the state, offering subsidized childcare services that support the welfare and development of children while enabling parents to work, seek employment, or pursue education and training. This infographic aims to explain the CCTR program for parents and families in California, outlining what the program entails, eligibility criteria, and the benefits of participation. Our goal is to ensure that families have the necessary information to access and leverage this essential service, supporting their children's early development and facilitating economic and social mobility.

Advantages of the CCTR Program

- Reduced Childcare Costs:** The most immediate benefit is the financial relief from the high cost of childcare. Subsidized rates are determined based on family income, size, and need, making childcare more accessible to low-income families. It is FREE PRESCHOOL!
- Access to Quality Care:** Children enrolled in CCTR-supported programs benefit from access to high-quality childcare facilities that adhere to state standards for education, safety, and health.
- Support for Child Development:** Beyond basic childcare, CCTR programs offer developmental screenings and activities designed to promote cognitive, emotional, and social growth.
- Flexibility for Parents:** By reducing the burden of childcare costs and ensuring children are in a safe, nurturing environment, parents can more effectively pursue employment, education, or training opportunities.

HOW TO APPLY?

Families interested in applying for the CCTR program should begin by identifying a participating childcare provider, like our preschool - Just 4 Kids Preschool, which has been awarded a CCTR contract.

The application process involves completing an application form, submitting the required documentation, and undergoing a review process. We have a dedicated CCTR staff available to assist families and walk you through this process, providing guidance and support to ensure all eligibility and documentation requirements are met. Come see us! We can tour you our facility and get you started to FREE PRESCHOOL!

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