

## ECE Stipend Project

The ECE Stipend Project encourages early childhood education (ECE) professionals to obtain higher levels of education by awarding monetary stipends to selected participants who meet specific eligibility criteria and complete approved college units that apply towards the Child Development Permit and/or a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Development.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Participants are eligible to apply if they have provided care to children 0 to 5 (pre-K) for a minimum of 15 hours per week in the same licensed family child care home or child care program in Ventura County for at least 9 months between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (the 2010/11 project year) while earning less than \$60,000 annually. Participants need to be directly providing care (or directly supervising those who provide care) in a preschool/child care environment. School sites, military installation-based sites, and programs exempt from licensing may also be eligible.

### What are the participation requirements?

- 1) There are three tracks\* designed to meet various incoming education levels while promoting continual advancement up to the Degree Track.
- 2) All applicants are required to meet with a Career Advisor a minimum of once per project year and complete an Individual Goal Setting Plan.
- 3) **New for 2010/11 Project Year:** All Participants are required to attend a Harms/Clifford Environment Rating Scale (ERS-r) training hosted by the ECE Stipend Project, complete an ERS-r Profile, and submit an ERS-r Plan of Action to their Career Advisor by June 15, 2011.

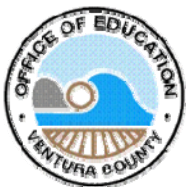
*Track	Goal	College Units Completed as of June 30, 2010	College Education Units* to be completed between July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011	Stipend Amount
<b>Entry</b>	To obtain initial 6 units in ECE to earn Assistant level Child Development Permit	None	Complete three (3) units per year in ECE with grade "C" or better toward the Permit	\$600
<b>Permit</b>	To continue to advance on the Permit Matrix	A minimum of 6 ECE units and eligible for or have applied for Assistant Level or higher Permit	Complete three (3) units per year with grade "C" or better (ECE, GE, or ESL classes) toward the Permit	\$750
<b>Degree</b>	To continue education towards earning a Bachelors Degree	A minimum of a Teacher Level Permit or Associates Degree or equivalent	Complete six (6) units per year with grade "C" or better of classes required for Bachelors Degree in ECE/Child Development	\$1,500

**Acceleration Stipend:** To move to a higher track level or a Bachelor degree at an accelerated rate, stipend participants may be selected to receive a \$250.00 Acceleration Stipend, contingent upon availability of program funds, when the participant completes an additional (3) units beyond the College Education\* requirements (listed above) with a grade "C" or better toward the Permit or Degree requirements.

### How do I learn more about the requirements?

Three orientations will be held to provide an overview of the stipend project. **Call 805-437-1373 to register** for an orientation listed below:

<p>July 14, 2010, 7-9 p.m. (Wednesday) Ventura County Office of Education Conference &amp; Ed. Services Center 5100 Adolfo Road Camarillo, CA 93012 (Presented in <u>English only</u>)</p>	<p>July 20, 2010, 7-9 p.m. (Tuesday) Child Development Resources 221 Ventura Blvd. Oxnard, CA 93030 <b><u>SPANISH</u> SPEAKERS ONLY PLEASE!</b></p>	<p>July 24, 2010, 9-11 a.m. (Saturday) Ventura County Office of Education Conference &amp; Ed. Services Center 5100 Adolfo Road Camarillo, CA 93012 (Presented in <u>English only</u>)</p>
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**How can I be considered as a participant?**

**TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A STIPEND IN THE 2010-2011 PROJECT YEAR, YOU NEED TO FILL OUT THE ENTRY FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (address below) BY July 30, 2010.** This will place your name in a pool of applicants that will be selected at random to participate. Applicants will be contacted by September 1, 2010. Selected applicants will be scheduled to meet with a Career Advisor to complete an Individual Goal Setting Plan and review paperwork. All final project paperwork must be submitted by June 15, 2011.

**For more information: Call the ECE Stipend Project office at 805-437-1373, or visit [childcareplanningcouncil.org, Projects/Stipends](http://childcareplanningcouncil.org/Projects/Stipends) page.**

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### ECE Stipend Project Entry Form – DEADLINE 7/30/10

**Complete & return form to Ventura County Office of Education, Heather Johnson, Early Childhood Programs, 5100 Adolfo Rd, Camarillo, CA 93012**

First Name:		Last Name:	
Home Address:		City and Zip:	
Name of Child Care Program Where Employed:		Employment Address, City, and Zip:	
Home Telephone (    ) -	Work Telephone (    ) -	Cell Phone (    ) -	E-mail Address
What Type of Child Care Program Do You Work For? Check all that apply: Family Child Care <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center (state-funded) <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center (non-state funded) <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool for All <input type="checkbox"/>			
What is your Job Position? Family Child Care Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Family Child Care Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center Director <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Center Staff <input type="checkbox"/>			
Do you currently hold a Child Development Permit? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, which permit title? _____		Name of College attending in 2010/11 School Year: _____ Declared Major: _____	
How many total <b>College Units</b> have you completed by 6/30/10? Child Development: _____ General Education: _____ AA Degree: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Which track are you eligible for? Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Degree <input type="checkbox"/>		Do you need Spanish translation? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you received a CARES, AB212 or ECE stipend in the past? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <u>If yes</u> , my Career Advisor was: Merced <input type="checkbox"/> Marian <input type="checkbox"/>			
Will you be applying for an Acceleration Stipend (must complete 3 units beyond the College Education requirements for your track)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am interested in enrolling in the 2010/11 stipend project. I understand that depending on funding levels, my name may be entered into a pool of applicants that will be selected at random to participate. <b>SIGNATURE:</b> _____ <b>DATE:</b> _____			