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GUIDE TO SUBSIDIZED EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES

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INTRODUCTION:

The Low Income and Subsidized Child Care (LISCC) Committee of the Child Care Planning Council has prepared this guide to assist local early care and education professionals and others with information on the various types of subsidized child development programs now operating in Ventura County.

The guide includes common definitions and eligibility guidelines that pertain to the different types of subsidized programs. This guide is intended not as a “how to” document, but as a reference to what kinds of programs currently exist and what different eligibility requirements are used.

Information contained in this guide is subject to change. In view of this, we have attempted to provide contact phone numbers to the various programs if more information is needed. After June 2004, refer to the Child Care Planning Council of Ventura County website for updates to this guide:
www.childcareplanningcouncil.org.

LISCC members and CCPC staff are available to assist with questions about information contained in the guide. Please do not hesitate to contact us if further information is needed.

1. Child Care Options

Type of Child Care	Examples of Programs	Description
Licensed Family Child Care	Family Child Care Home Family Child Care Network	Child care is provided in the home of the caregiver for up to eight children, depending on their ages. With an adult assistant, child care can be provided for up to 14 children. The child care provider needs to obtain a license through Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing (CCL) division. The provider must complete a 15-hour CPR, Health and Safety, and First Aid course, no other education/training is required. The provider and any adult living in the home must have a fingerprint background check and Child Abuse Index clearance.
Center Based Child Care (Child Development Center)	Campus Child Care Early Headstart Headstart State Preschool General Child Care Migrant Child Care Latchkey Private Child Care Centers	Child Care Centers provide care for children all or part of the day for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Centers can be of various size and can be operated independently, by school districts, faith-based organization or any other organization/agency. Teachers qualifications apply and vary. Minimum qualifications are regulated by licensing. Centers are generally licensed through Community Care Licensing. Some exemptions to licensing requirements exist.
Exempt Care	In-Home Care Home Based Care Cal-SAFE	Exempt care providers may care for children from only one other family besides their own. Licensing requirements do not apply to exempt care providers. Exempt care providers can be registered with TrustLine. In –home care: parents are the employer and are required to pay taxes and worker’s compensation insurance in accordance to labor laws. California School Age Family Education program (Cal-SAFE) is offered through the Dept. of Education, Youth Services Division. It provides both part-time and full-time child care for children (0-5) of teen parents.

2. Subsidized Child Care Services

Type of Program	Program Description
Alternative Payment (AP) Program	Funded by the State of California, AP Programs pay or subsidize the child care costs for eligible families. Parents may choose from family child care home, child care center or exempt care providers. Children remain eligible for child care services until their thirteenth birthday. (1), (2). Federal funding for Alternative Payment Program serves children until their thirteenth birthday. Eligibility Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recipient of public assistance - Qualifying income (3) - Homeless - Referral from Child Protective Services (CPS)

<p>CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids)</p>	<p>Child Care service is available in form of AP to serve current and former CalWORKs recipients as they participate in work-readiness activities, seek employment or are employed. (4) Eligibility Criteria: Stage 1: families determined eligible by the County CalWORKs Department, may receive child care services while developing a work plan and/or participating in work readiness activities. Stage 2: families may receive child care services when the County CalWORKs Department determines that the family’s work or approved work-readiness activity is stable or the family is transitioning off of CalWORKs cash assistance. Families may receive Stage Two for up to 24 months after leaving cash assistance. Stage 3: families may receive child care services if a family received a lump-sum diversion payment, or is a former CalWORKs job seeker who has used up Stage Two eligibility. Families must also meet income eligibility requirements.</p>
<p>Headstart/ Early Headstart</p>	<p>Headstart provides comprehensive services to primarily low-income families and prepares children to enter school ready to learn. Program options: center based, family child care and home based options Program components: parent involvement, education, health, transition, nutrition, transportation, family services Eligibility criteria: qualifying income (3)</p>
<p>Migrant Child Care</p>	<p>Child care and other comprehensive services are provided to migrant worker families or families who earn a minimum of 50% of their income from agriculture. Some programs operate a varying length, depending on the harvest season. Eligibility criteria: source of income, qualifying income (3) and need (5)</p>
<p>State Preschool Programs</p>	<p>Operating part-day, state preschool programs offer child care and other comprehensive services to low-income families. Eligibility criteria: qualifying income (3)</p>
<p>Latchkey Programs</p>	<p>Subsidized child care and development services are provided in child care centers for school age children. These services are typically provided on school campuses for children K-5th grade.</p>
<p>General Child Care and Development Programs</p>	<p>Subsidized child care and development services are provided in child care centers and sometimes family child care homes for infants through school age children. Eligibility criteria: qualifying income (3) and need (5)</p>
<p>Campus Child Development (currently not available in Ventura County)</p>	<p>Campus child development programs serve the children of students enrolled in college and offer additional comprehensive services. Funding for campus child care is provided by California Department of Education, student body fees and parent fees. Eligibility criteria: qualifying income (3) and need (5)</p>

- (1) State and federal funding for child care subsidies is not sufficient to fulfill the existing need for subsidies. Waiting lists (see also CEL) are established for families who qualify for subsidized child care, but can not find placement due to a lack of funding. Eligibility ranking requires programs to serve families with the greatest need first, independent of the length of time on a waiting list. The majority of families are the so-called “working poor”, many of which will never receive subsidized services.
- (2) Alternative Payment allows parents to use a child care provider of their choice. Providers can be licensed or license exempt, but no criteria for “quality” care is considered. Parent education needs to address the importance of quality early learning experiences and environments and should provide guidelines as to what constitutes a quality program. (see definition of quality and enclosures)
- (3) Families are ranked based on qualifying income and/or need to receive services. Lowest income = highest priority to receive subsidized services. However, lowest of the lowest income will vary by neighborhood, which presents a challenge when seeking highest-ranking families. In addition, highest-ranking families are typically transient and therefore, once placed on the waiting list, very difficult to locate after a period of time. Children placed in foster care are considered a family of one, and therefore have no income. No special funding for foster child care is available.
- (4) Approximately 30% of CalWORKs recipient families are using child care subsidies specifically funded for them. Some of the reasons for the relatively low usage are: overage children, ineligible providers, ineligible parents/guardians, confusion or frustration with contract requirements, lack of knowledge of services, and use of other available subsidies.
- (5) NEED is defined in funding terms and conditions by the funding source and varies by program. “Need” may include participation in training/education, employment, seeking employment, recipient of public assistance, Child Protective Services, homelessness, seeking permanent housing, incapacitation, or incarcerated/incompetent parent. Certain family situations may supercede income eligibility or other needs, such as CPS (Child Protective Services) cases, or children at risk as identified by a licensed professional and result in highest priority ranking for placement. In addition to need, income eligibility guidelines must be met.

Basic Income Eligibility and Family Fee Schedule

Background:

Education Code Section 8263(f) authorizes the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a fee schedule for families utilizing child care and development services. This schedule applies to all child care and development services, including CalWORKs child care funded by the California Department of Education and the California Department of Social Services, with the exception of the following programs: State Preschool, Bay Area Handicapped, and Resource and Referral. Also exempt are referrals for Child Protective Services funded with State General Funds. Referrals for Child Protective Services provided with federal funding shall be charged a fee according to the attached schedule, unless the referring protective services worker recommends a waiver of the fee and the contracting agency agrees to such waiver.

Policy:

Families with incomes less than 50 percent of the State Median Income (SMI) are considered to be below the State poverty level for the child care and development programs, and no fees are assessed. Pursuant to Education Code Section 8263.1, the family income eligibility ceiling is 75 percent of SMI for all child care and development programs to which this fee schedule applies.

For alternative payment programs, fulltime care is defined as enrollment for six or more hours per day, while part-time care is enrollment for less than six hours per day.

For family child care home networks reimbursed under the Standard Reimbursement Rate (SRR) and for Center-based programs, full time care is defined as enrollment for 6.5 hours or more per day, while part-time care is enrollment for less than 6.5 hours per day.

Family Fee Schedule (September 2000)

The Family Fee Schedule is established by the California Department of Education, Child Development Division. It outlines the share of cost families pay who receive subsidized child care at an alternate payment program (APP) and center-based care if their income falls between 50% and 75% of the State Median Income. The family fee is per family, not per child.

Family Pays			Family Size and Income Level										
Hourly	Part-time Daily	Full-time Daily	1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0.20	1.00	2.00	1820	1950	2167	2513	2860	2925	2990	3055	3120	3185	3250
0.25	1.24	2.50	1893	2028	2253	2614	2974	3042	3109	3177	3245	3312	3380
0.30	1.50	3.00	1965	2106	2340	2714	3089	3159	3229	3299	3369	3440	3510
0.35	1.75	3.50	2038	2184	2426	2815	3203	3276	3349	3421	3494	3567	3640
0.40	2.00	4.00	2111	2262	2513	2915	3317	3393	3468	3544	3619	3694	3770
0.45	2.25	4.50	2184	2340	2600	3016	3432	3510	3588	3666	3744	3822	3900
0.53	2.65	5.30	2257	2418	2686	3116	3546	3627	3707	3788	3869	3949	4030
0.61	3.05	6.10	2329	2496	2773	3217	3661	3744	3827	3910	3993	4076	4160
0.69	3.45	6.90	2402	2574	2860	3317	3775	3861	3946	4032	4118	4204	4290
0.77	3.85	7.70	2475	2652	2946	3418	3889	3978	4066	4154	4243	4331	4420
0.85	4.25	8.50	2548	2730	3033	3518	4004	4095	4186	4277	4368	4459	4550
0.93	4.65	9.30	2621	2808	3120	3619	4118	4212	4305	4399	4492	4586	4680
1.01	5.05	10.10	2693	2886	3206	3719	4232	4329	4425	4521	4617	4713	4810
1.05	5.25	10.50	2730	2925	3250	3770	4290	4387	4485	4582	4682	4777	4875

3. Early Care and Education & School Readiness Scholarships-Neighborhoods for Learning

3.1. NFL Early Care and Education (ECE) Initiatives *

NFL	Scholarship	Type of Program	Parent Fee	Eligibility Criteria
Conejo Valley (805) 496-9035	No	Preschool, Family Resource Centers	\$20.00 registration & monthly tuition on a sliding fee scale	First come – first served, preference given to 4 year olds
Greater Ventura (805) 641-6806, x111	Yes	Family Resource Centers, Transition to Kindergarten Summer Program	No	Scholarship – on Centralized Eligibility List, Transition to K-no preschool experience
Moorpark/Simi Valley (805) 378-1400, x1621	Yes	Family Resource Centers, FT and PT pre-k programs, Ready-Set-Grow Van	No	Some priority by age
Oak Park (818) 707-7742	Yes	Preschool, Family Resource Center planned	Four scholarship slots: family fees at 0-75%	Free and reduced Lunch
Ocean View (805) 488-5277	No	Preschool, Family Resource Center	Sliding fee scale	Priority by age
Ojai Valley (805) 640-4300	Yes	Preschool vouchers	Sliding fee scale	A priority point system is used to determine family eligibility.
Oxnard (805) 385-8362	No	<i>Ready, Set, Go!</i> 1 month pre-K experience,	No	Priority by no preschool experience First come – first served.
	No	SRI Preschools	Sliding Fee scale	A priority point system is used to determine family eligibility.
Pleasant Valley (805) 482-8031	Yes	School readiness scholarships, Family Fun Nights and Child Care Provider liaison	Sliding fee scale	A priority point system is used to determine family eligibility.
Port Hueneme/So Oxnard 805) 271-4148	Yes	Summer preK option, Preschool Vouchers, Family Resource Centers	No	Not eligible for other programs
Rio (805) 981-2892	Yes	Preschool School readiness & Family Service Center	No	By School Readiness target and at-risk population
Santa Clara Valley (805) 525-7655	No	Family Resource Center for referrals	No	N/A

* ECE Initiatives as of March 2004.

For more information on a particular NFL, please visit First 5 Ventura County website www.first5ventura.org

3.2. Scholarship Eligibility Recommendations

Members of the Low Income and Subsidized Child Care Committee (LISCC), Child Care Planning Council of Ventura County, present the following recommendations when determining eligibility criteria for Neighborhoods for Learning, Early Care and Education Scholarships:

- a. Honor cultural preferences and meet the diverse needs of the population served by considering various child care and development options.
- b. Respect parental choice.
- c. Reimbursement will be paid at the Ventura County current Regional Market Rate.
- d. Families are only eligible to receive scholarships if they are not able to receive or access other subsidies and meet income guidelines. Documentation of income will be required.
- e. Families are required to show proof of residency within the NfL area. Acceptable documentation includes utility bills, driver's license, ID cards, etc. Should the family reside with other relatives, a letter from the relative stating that circumstance, accompanied by a utility bill, etc. is acceptable.
- f. Families can only select licensed family child care providers or licensed center-based programs.
- g. Priority is given to children entering Kindergarten within the following school year, without prior preschool experience.
- h. Families can be approved for part-day programs if the program is attended a minimum of two (2) days/week.
- i. Special circumstances, such as medical expenses, children with special needs, family emergencies etc., will be considered. Supporting documentation will be required.

Modeled after the Port Hueneme/South Oxnard NfL, the LISCC Committee recommends the following process:

1. The family completes the scholarship application provided by the NfL and provides the required documentation.
2. The NfL scholarship committee reviews and approves the application.
3. The family selects a provider and presents a copy of the license, the fee schedule, and a child care provider contract to the NfL scholarship committee.
4. The NfL scholarship committee offers scholarship amount.

Parents are responsible to select the best care available for their child based on quality standards. NfL's will make every effort to assist parents in choosing quality early care and education programs by providing information and materials as pertinent, including but not limited to: various brochures on how to find quality care, checklists, resource and referral agency information, etc. The LISCC Committee has developed a "Quality Counts Child Care Bag", which includes such information. The bags will be made available to NfLs in limited numbers.

3. Definition of Quality

The Child Care Planning Council of Ventura County acknowledges that good programs for young children provide both care and education. Quality reflects the child's experience and the positive feelings that occur when children are placed in appropriate settings. Quality is more than child development theories. It is a commitment to excellence.

While "quality" is a difficult concept to define, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) provides specific indicators. The following characteristics form the foundation of "quality" for Ventura County's children.

1. Adults show respect for children's needs and ideas. Adults listen and talk to children in caring ways.
2. Families are treated as valuable partners in the caring/education process. As such, they are treated with respect and encouraged to fully participate in the program.
3. The program reflects an understanding of child development for diverse children and families. Cultural, linguistic and special education differences are recognized. The program is individualized to meet the needs of every child.
4. Children are safe and well supervised.
5. The physical environment is safe, clean, orderly and contains a variety of stimulating toys and materials suitable to children's age and rate of development. Children may select activities and materials that interest them.
6. Adults recognize that children learn by being actively involved. A variety of play opportunities are offered.
7. Adults nurture children's emotional needs and facilitate positive social interaction.
8. Evaluations occur regularly which focus on the program's effectiveness in meeting children's and family's needs.
9. Adults facilitate the development of responsibility and problem solving skills in children through age appropriate guidance and discipline techniques.
10. Opportunity is provided to identify concerns regarding differing abilities. Resources are provided to parents and staff as needed.
11. Assessment of children's progress is ongoing, purposeful and appropriate. Evaluation is used to adapt curriculum and teaching to meet the needs of children.
12. Good working conditions are provided for the Child Development staff. Positive communication is promoted and consensus building is facilitated. Staff/providers continue their education or complete professional development activities.

4. Glossary of Terms

Alternative Payment Program (APP or AP Programs)

AP programs offer an array of child care arrangements for parents including in-home care, exempt care, family child care, and center care. These services most often take the form of a vendor payment issued monthly to a provider selected by the family. The AP program is intended to increase parental choice and accommodate the individual needs of the family. Some county welfare departments are among the contractors under this program. AP programs also administer Stage 2 and Stage 3 CalWORKs child care.

California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)

CalWORKs is California's version of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). Overseen by the California Department of Social Services, CalWORKs is a "work first" program that provides support services to help recipients move from welfare to work and toward self-sufficiency. CalWORKs devolves much of the responsibility and authority for operation of the program to California's 58 counties, increasing county flexibility and financial accountability.

Campus Child Development

Administered through the California Department of Education, campus child development programs are designed primarily for the children of students enrolled in college. The centers are operated by either student associations or the college administration and provide the same comprehensive services as other state child care and development programs. Funding for the centers is generated by the state, student body fees, and parent fees (not available in Ventura County!).

Centralized Eligibility List (CEL)

Agencies receiving funds for subsidized child care services, such as Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc. (CDR), Children's Home Society of California, state-funded preschool, general child care & development programs and some Neighborhoods for Learning have consolidated their waiting lists into one centralized eligibility list (CEL).

Families complete only one intake and eligibility application and submit it to CDR. Upon openings in any of the participating programs, agencies access the Internet-based CEL to enroll families waiting to receive services.

The CEL program in Ventura County is operated and maintained by Child Development Resources. Information about the CEL participation is available at (805) 485-7878 ext. 511 or 477.

Child Development Center

A child development center is a facility, which is usually not a family residence and is specifically designed to provide child care. A child development center may serve any number of children, but usually serves 13 or more for less than 24 consecutive hours.

Child Protective Services (CPS)

CPS is also known as Protective Services and is available through the California Department of Social Services. Children receive Child Protective Services through the local county welfare

department. Children who are abused, neglected, exploited, or children at-risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation receive legal, medical, and social services.

In most subsidized child care programs, CPS families receive first priority when child care slots become available. The basic child/family data file contains a written referral dated within six (6) months immediately preceding the date of application for services, from a legal, medical, social service agency or emergency shelter. The written referral shall include either:

- A statement from the local county welfare department, child protective services unit, certifying that the child is receiving child protective services and that child care and development services are a necessary component of the child protective services plan, or
- A statement by legally qualified professional that the child is at risk of abuse or neglect and that child care and development services are needed to reduce or eliminate that risk, and
- The probable duration of the child protective service plan or the at-risk situation, and
- The name, address, telephone number and signature of the legally qualified professional who is making the referral.

Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD)

The Role and the functions of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD): CCLD is a regulatory program whose mission is to protect the health, welfare and safety of children and adults who reside or spend a portion of their time in out-of-home care. This is accomplished through the development and enforcement of regulations. The CCLD program consists of three distinct functions: prevention, compliance and enforcement.

Prevention is the reduction of predictable harm by screening out unqualified applicants and by providing applicants and licensed providers with information regarding the laws and regulations concerning the operation of community care facilities.

Compliance is the process which ensures that CCLD facilities are operated according to applicable laws and regulations. Compliance is maintained through facility inspections, issuing deficiency notices, and providing consultation regarding the correction of deficiencies.

Enforcement is a range of corrective actions (from civil penalties to facility closure) taken when a provider fails to protect the health and safety of individuals in care or is unwilling or unable to maintain compliance with licensing laws and regulations. As part of the evaluation process, child care facilities are evaluated to ensure facilities are in substantial compliance with licensing laws and regulations. If, during an unannounced site visit made by licensing staff, a facility is found to be out of compliance the facility is cited for violations of Title 22, Division 12 of the regulations, which is based on the Health and Safety Code. Violations are cited to protect the clients in care.

Child care centers and family child care homes in California are required to be licensed by CCLD, except in several counties which subcontract with the state. Two sets of regulations apply to child care. All programs must meet the requirements specified in Title 22 regulations.

In addition, most state-subsidized child care centers must meet education code requirements (Title 5), which set stricter adult/child ratios and staff qualifications than Title 22.

To learn more about the child care licensing program and services, please visit the department's web site at www.cclld.ca.gov. There you will find child care licensing updates, regulations, guidelines and child care safety checklist for parents and licensees.

Co-Payment

A co-payment is that portion of subsidized child care expense, which is over the maximum allowable reimbursement rate. If a parent chooses a provider with rates above the maximum reimbursement rate, they must make up the difference in cost as a co-payment, payable directly to the provider.

Early Head Start (EHS)

Early Head Start is a program administered through Head Start. The program offers expanded services that seek to address the health needs of newborns and encourage better interaction between parents and infants and toddlers. EHS also targets families with certain needs such as parental substance abuse and parenting teens.

Early Start

Early Start is a statewide system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers, from birth to 36 months of age, with disabilities or at risk of developing disabilities. Services are provided in a family-centered, multidisciplinary, interagency, and community-based system.

Even Start

Even Start is a federal literacy program for children and their parents. This program integrates adult basic education with early childhood programs to break the cycle of illiteracy in families.

Exempt Care

Exempt child care is care delivered by a provider that is exempt from the Title 22 and Title 5 licensing requirements. Exempt providers are: a child's relatives, guardians, or conservators, an adult who cares for the children of only one other family besides his/her own; or schools registered with the California Department of Education (CDE).

Family Child Care (FCC) - Licensed

Family Child Care provides care for children in a family setting. When certain conditions are met, small family child care homes care for six children total or eight if two school-age children are present. Large family child care homes utilize two providers and may care for twelve children, fourteen if two school-age children are present and additional requirements are met.

Family Day Care Home Network

The Family Day Care Home Network is a cluster of family child care homes with centralized activities, which may include information and referral, group purchasing, administration, fiscal procedures, training, or other activities. Such networks may be associated with center care sites. This program is administered by the California Department of Education.

Family Fee

A family fee is a share of cost, which is paid by a family for subsidized child care and development services. Family fees are generally based on a sliding scale, which takes into account family size as well as income.

Head Start Program

Head Start, administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, is a comprehensive preschool program that prepares children to enter school ready to learn. Head Start combines basic skill development with health, nutrition, social services, and parental involvement in a family-centered approach. Head Start programs largely serve children from low-income families.

In-Home Care

In-Home Care refers to a child care arrangement which takes place in the home of the child being served as opposed to care received in the home of the caregiver.

Intake Eligibility

Intake eligibility is used to determine if families are eligible to receive program benefits. For most programs, at least one element of intake eligibility must be combined with at least one element of intake need for a family to receive subsidized child care and development services. Eligibility criteria may vary depending on program type and funding source.

Migrant Child Care

Migrant child care programs, administered by the Department of Education, serve children of migrant workers while their parents are at work. Migrant centers are open for varying lengths of time during the year depending on the growing/harvesting season. These programs provide the same comprehensive services as General Child Care and Development Programs.

Neighborhoods for Learning

First 5 Ventura County believes that local neighborhoods and communities can lead the way in shaping the future of their children. Parents, schools, early childhood educators, and service providers are joining together to create neighborhoods full of opportunities for kids and families. Through providing programs and services in neighborhood settings, Neighborhoods for Learning support families to raise children who are emotionally, socially, and academically ready for school.

Priority for Care

Priority for care is the order of precedence which is established to determine which of those eligible for benefits will be served first. Priorities for care are established for non-entitlement programs.

Private Child Care Centers (Non-Subsidized)

These programs may call themselves a child care center, day care center, preschool, nursery school, or day nursery. Various groups administer private child care centers, including non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses, faith-based organizations, military, and public or private sector employers.

Resource and Referral Programs (R&R)

Resource and Referral programs, funded through the California Department of Education, provide information to parents about the availability of child care, assist potential providers in the licensing process, provide direct services and coordinate community resources for the benefit of parents and local child care providers. These programs are available in all 58 counties of California. Some agencies with R&R contracts administer Alternative Payment Programs.

Special Education Preschool Program

All preschoolers with mildly handicapping conditions may receive developmental and early education opportunities. Children are served in typical child care settings, including state-subsidized child care and development programs and Head Start.

State Preschool Program

Funded by the California Department of Education (CDE), Child Development Division (CDD) and the federal government, this developmental preschool program offers comprehensive child care services, as well as social health, nutritional and psychiatric services. In the state preschool programs parental involvement is encouraged. State Preschool Programs are administered through school districts, colleges, community action agencies, and private non-profit agencies. Many programs offer bilingual services.

TrustLine

TrustLine is the California registry of in-home and license-exempt child care providers who have passed a background screening. All caregivers listed with TrustLine have been cleared through a fingerprint check of records at the Department of Justice. This means they have no disqualifying criminal convictions or substantiated child abuse reports in California. TrustLine registry is required for all license-exempt child care providers (except aunts, uncles and grandparents) paid by Alternative Payment Program contractors with State General Funds or Federal Block Grant funds. Child care payment may not be made to an exempt provider until the provider has applied for TrustLine registration.

Voucher

A payment or coupon which may be redeemed for child care services. A voucher may be used for:

- 1) Individual use in a setting selected by the parent;
- 2) Restricted use for child care only;
- 3) Lack of a prearranged contract between the agency and the provider; and
- 4) An unlimited number of providers, who, by complying with the payment agency's regulations are eligible to redeem vouchers in exchange for proof of services provided.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Regional Market Rate Ceilings

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The Regional Market Rate (RMR) is issued by the California Department of Social Services every other year. It is used by Alternative Payment Programs to determine the maximum rate payable to providers who accept subsidized child care.

Rates are established based upon surveys of the amounts charged by local providers. Currently, the RMR allows reimbursement up to the 85th percentile (check Department of Education website for current updates: www.cde.ca.gov). Subsidized families who choose providers who charge more than the RMR maximum are responsible to make up the difference directly to the provider.

Appendix B - Admission Priorities

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This chart was established by CDD in 2000 and assists subsidized programs (APP and center-based) in ranking families waiting to receive services. Families with the lowest incomes receive a higher priority and, as subsidized slots become available, are offered services first. Currently, due to limited funding, most subsidized programs are rarely able to offer slots to higher ranked families.

Appendix C - State Preschool Income Ceilings

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The state preschool income ceiling schedule was established by the CDD and lists the income limits for families using the state preschool program. Families eligible for this program do not pay a family fee.

Appendix D – Centralized Eligibility List

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Agencies receiving funds for subsidized child care services, such as Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc. (CDR), Children’s Home Society of California, state-funded preschool, general child care & development programs and some Neighborhoods for Learning have consolidated their waiting lists into one centralized eligibility list (CEL).

Families complete only one intake and eligibility application and submit it to CDR. Upon openings in any of the participating programs, agencies access the Internet-based CEL to enroll families waiting to receive services.

The CEL program in Ventura County is operated and maintained by Child Development Resources. Information about CEL participation is available at (805) 485-7878 ext. 511 or 477. Applications are available in both English and Spanish.

Appendix A

OXNARD / VENTURA/CAMARILLO/SOMIS/OJAI VALLEY
2002 REGIONAL MARKET RATE CEILINGS/NEW METHODOLOGY
FOR CALIFORNIA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
85TH PERCENTILE CEILING RATES

Child Care Centers	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
FT under 2 Yrs.	N/A	\$39.00 N=1	\$229.00 N=5	\$844.00 N=2
PT under 2 Yrs.	\$5.50 N=1	N/A	\$172.00 N=0	\$670.00 N=2
FT 2 – 5 Yrs.	N/A	\$27.59 N=7	\$154.00 N=16	\$620.00 N=16
PT 2 – 5 Yrs.	\$5.25 N=4	N/A	\$120.00 N=11	\$310.00 N=26
FT 6+ Yrs.	N/A	\$25.00 N=3	\$157.00 N=11	\$440.00 N=2
PT 6+ yrs.	\$3.75 N=1	N/A	\$102.00 N=6	\$364.00 N=6

Family Day Care Homes	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
FT under 2 Yrs.	N/A	\$37.50 N=50	\$155.00 N=116	\$671.00
PT under 2 Yrs.	\$5.00 N=9	N/A	\$125.00 N=15	\$541.50
FT 2 – 5 Yrs.	N/A	\$35.20 N=68	\$145.00 N=147	\$628.00
PT 2 – 5 Yrs.	\$5.00 N=18	N/A	\$125.00 N=21	\$541.50
FT 6+ Yrs.	N/A	\$35.00 N=58	\$135.00 N=101	\$584.50
PT 6+ yrs.	\$5.00 N=30	N/A	\$100.00 N=49	\$433.00

In-Home / Exempt	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
FT under 2 Yrs.	N/A	\$33.75	\$139.50	\$604.00
PT under 2 Yrs.	\$3.10			
FT 2 – 5 Yrs.	N/A	\$31.68	\$130.50	\$565.00
PT 2 – 5 Yrs.	\$2.90			
FT 6+ Yrs.	N/A	\$31.50	\$121.50	\$526.00
PT 6+ yrs.	\$2.70			

SANTA PAULA / FILLMORE / PIRU
2002 REGIONAL MARKET RATE CEILINGS/NEW METHODOLOGY
FOR CALIFORNIA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
85TH PERCENTILE CEILING RATES

Child Care Centers	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
FT under 2 Yrs.	N/A	\$39.00 N=0	\$229.00 N=0	\$844.00 N=0
PT under 2 Yrs.	\$5.50 N=0	N/A	\$172.00 N=0	\$670.00 N=0
FT 2 – 5 Yrs.	N/A	\$27.59 N=1	154.00 N=0	\$620.00 N=2
PT 2 – 5 Yrs.	\$5.25 N=0	N/A	\$120.00 N=0	\$373.00 N=1
FT 6+ Yrs.	N/A	\$25.00 N=0	\$157.00 N=0	\$440.00 N=0
PT 6+ yrs.	\$3.75 N=0	N/A	\$102.00 N=0	\$364.00 N=0

Family Child Care Homes	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
FT under 2 Yrs.	N/A	\$37.50 N=9	\$150.00 N=11	\$649.50
PT under 2 Yrs.	\$5.00 N=2	N/A	\$125.00 N=0	\$541.50
FT 2 – 5 Yrs.	N/A	\$35.20 N=12	\$145.00 N=13	\$628.00
PT 2 – 5 Yrs.	\$5.00 N=3	N/A	\$112.00 N=1	\$485.00
FT 6+ Yrs.	N/A	\$35.00 N=17	\$135.00 N=11	\$584.50
PT 6+ yrs.	\$5.00 N=10	N/A	\$100.00 N=4	\$433.00

In-Home / Exempt	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
FT under 2 Yrs.	N/A	\$33.75	\$135.00	\$584.50
PT under 2 Yrs.	\$3.00			
FT 2 – 5 Yrs.	N/A	\$31.68	\$130.50	\$565.00
PT 2 – 5 Yrs.	\$2.90			
FT 6+ Yrs.	N/A	\$31.50	\$121.50	\$526.00
PT 6+ yrs.	\$2.70			

SIMI VALLEY AND ALL EAST COUNTY
2002 REGIONAL MARKET RATE CEILINGS/NEW METHODOLOGY
FOR CALIFORNIA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
85TH PERCENTILE CEILING RATES

Child Care Centers	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
FT under 2 Yrs.	N/A	\$39.00 N=0	\$229.00 N=5	\$844.00 N=1
PT under 2 Yrs.	\$5.50 N=0	N/A	\$172.00 N=3	\$670.00 N=2
FT 2 – 5 Yrs.	N/A	\$27.59 N=1	\$154.00 N=10	\$620.00 N=18
PT 2 – 5 Yrs.	\$5.25 N=0	N/A	\$120.00 N=9	\$420.00 N=22
FT 6+ Yrs.	N/A	\$25.00 N=0	\$157.00 N=8	\$440.00 N=3
PT 6+ yrs.	\$3.75 N=0	N/A	\$102.00 N=6	\$364.00 N=3

Family Child Care Homes	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
FT under 2 Yrs.	N/A	\$40.00 N=21	\$150.00 N=80	\$649.50
PT under 2 Yrs.	\$5.00 N=8	N/A	\$125.00 N=5	\$541.50
FT 2 – 5 Yrs.	N/A	\$40.00 N=26	\$150.00 N=80	\$649.50
PT 2 – 5 Yrs.	\$5.00 N=10	N/A	\$112.00 N=5	\$485.00
FT 6+ Yrs.	N/A	\$35.00 N=16	\$140.00 N=31	\$606.00
PT 6+ yrs.	\$5.00 N=13	N/A	\$85.00 N=22	\$368.00

In-Home / Exempt	Hourly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
FT under 2 Yrs.	N/A	\$36.00	\$135.00	\$584.50
PT under 2 Yrs.	\$3.00			
FT 2 – 5 Yrs.	N/A	\$36.00	\$135.00	\$584.50
PT 2 – 5 Yrs.	\$3.00			
FT 6+ Yrs.	N/A	\$31.50	\$126.00	\$545.50
PT 6+ yrs.	\$2.80			

ADMISSION PRIORITIES

Rank	Family Size and Income Levels										
	1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	364	390	433	503	572	585	598	611	624	637	650
2	400	429	477	553	629	643	658	672	686	701	715
3	437	468	520	603	686	702	718	733	749	764	780
4	473	507	563	653	744	760	777	794	811	828	845
5	510	546	607	704	801	819	837	855	874	892	910
6	546	585	650	754	858	877	897	916	936	955	975
7	582	624	693	804	915	936	957	978	998	1019	1040
8	619	663	737	854	972	994	1017	1039	1061	1083	1105
9	655	702	780	905	1030	1053	1076	1100	1123	1147	1170
10	692	741	823	955	1087	1111	1136	1161	1186	1210	1235
11	728	780	867	1005	1144	1170	1196	1222	1248	1274	1300
12	764	819	910	1056	1201	1228	1256	1283	1310	1338	1365
13	801	858	953	1106	1258	1287	1315	1344	1373	1401	1430
14	837	897	997	1156	1315	1345	1375	1405	1435	1465	1495
15	874	936	1040	1206	1373	1404	1435	1466	1497	1529	1560
16	910	975	1083	1257	1430	1462	1495	1527	1560	1592	1625
17	946	1014	1127	1307	1487	1521	1555	1588	1622	1656	1690
18	983	1053	1170	1357	1544	1579	1614	1650	1685	1720	1755
19	1019	1092	1213	1407	1601	1638	1674	1711	1747	1783	1820
20	1056	1131	1257	1458	1659	1696	1734	1772	1809	1847	1885
21	1092	1170	1300	1508	1716	1755	1794	1833	1872	1911	1950
22	1128	1209	1343	1558	1773	1813	1854	1894	1934	1975	2015
23	1165	1248	1387	1608	1830	1872	1913	1955	1997	2038	2080
24	1201	1287	1430	1659	1887	1930	1973	2016	2059	2102	2145
25	1238	1326	1473	1709	1945	1989	2033	2077	2121	2166	2210
26	1274	1365	1517	1759	2002	2047	2093	2138	2184	2229	2275
27	1310	1404	1560	1809	2059	2106	2153	2199	2246	2293	2340
28	1347	1443	1603	1860	2116	2164	2212	2261	2309	2357	2470
29	1383	1482	1647	1910	2173	2223	2272	2322	2371	2420	2470
30	1419	1521	1690	1960	2231	2281	2332	2383	2433	2484	2535
31	1456	1560	1733	2011	2288	2340	2392	2444	2496	2548	2600
32	1492	1599	1777	2061	2345	2398	2452	2505	2558	2611	2665
33	1529	1638	1820	2111	2402	2457	2511	2566	2621	2675	2730
34	1565	1677	1863	2161	2459	2515	2571	2627	2683	2739	2795
35	1601	1716	1907	2212	2517	2574	2631	2688	2745	2803	2860
36	1638	1755	1950	2262	2574	2632	2691	2749	2808	2866	2925

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Rank	Family Size and Income Levels										
	1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
37	1674	1794	1993	2312	2631	2691	2751	2810	2870	2930	2990
38	1711	1833	2037	2362	2688	2749	2810	2871	2933	2994	3055
39	1747	1872	2080	2413	2745	2808	2870	2933	2995	3057	3120
40	1783	1911	2123	2463	2803	2866	2930	2994	3057	3121	3185
41	1820	1950	2167	2513	2860	2925	2990	3055	3120	3185	3250
42	1856	1989	2210	2563	2917	2983	3050	3116	3182	3248	3315
43	1893	2028	2253	2614	2974	3042	3109	3177	3245	3312	3380
44	1929	2067	2296	2664	3031	3100	3169	3238	3307	3376	3445
45	1965	2106	2340	2714	3089	3159	3229	3299	3369	3440	3510
46	2002	2145	2383	2764	3146	3217	3289	3360	3432	3503	3575
47	2038	2184	2426	2815	3203	3276	3349	3421	3494	3567	3640
48	2075	2223	2470	2865	3260	3334	3408	3482	3557	3631	3705
49	2111	2262	2513	2915	3317	3393	3468	3544	3619	3694	3770
50	2147	2301	2556	2966	3375	3451	3528	3605	3681	3758	3835
51	2184	2340	2600	3016	3432	3510	3588	3666	3744	3822	3900
52	2220	2379	2643	3066	3489	3568	3648	3727	3806	3885	3965
53	2257	2418	2686	3116	3546	3627	3707	3788	3869	3949	4030
54	2293	2457	2730	3167	3603	3685	3767	3849	3931	4013	4095
55	2329	2496	2773	3217	3661	3744	3827	3910	3993	4076	4160
56	2366	2535	2816	3267	3718	3802	3887	3971	4056	4140	4225
57	2402	2574	2860	3317	3775	3861	3946	4032	4118	4204	4290
58	2439	2613	2903	3368	3832	3919	4006	4093	4180	4268	4355
59	2475	2652	2946	3418	3889	3978	4066	4154	4243	4331	4420
60	2511	2691	2990	3468	3946	4036	4126	4216	4305	4395	4485
61	2548	2730	3033	3518	4004	4095	4186	4277	4368	4459	4550
62	2584	2769	3076	3569	4061	4153	4245	4338	4430	4522	4615
63	2621	2808	3120	3619	4118	4212	4305	4399	4492	4586	4680
64	2657	2847	3163	3669	4175	4270	4365	4460	4555	4650	4745
65	2693	2886	3206	3719	4232	4329	4425	4521	4617	4713	4810
66	2730	2945	3250	3770	4290	4387	4485	4582	4680	4777	4875

Appendix C

**SCHEDULE OF INCOME CEILINGS
FOR THE
STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Effective 04/01/2003

Family Income Ceilings

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Yearly</u>
1-2	\$2,600	\$31,200
3	\$2,925	\$35,100
4	\$3,250	\$39,000
5	\$3,510	\$42,120
6	\$3,770	\$45,240
7	\$4,030	\$48,360
8	\$4,290	\$51,480
9	\$4,550	\$54,600
10 or more	\$4,810	\$57,720