

Child Care Subsidy Guidelines

How do I know if I am eligible for Subsidized Childcare?

Families may demonstrate eligibility for subsidized child care services in the following ways:

- Through Child Protective Services Program (CPS) referral from a medical, legal, or social service agency.
- Through current or past CalWORKS participation.
- Short-term subsidies are also available through documentation of the risk of being homeless, abused, neglected or exploited.
- By establishing income eligibility. The gross monthly family income must be within certain income limits set by the Federal and State Government. **Here are the guidelines:**

Number of Family Members	1 or 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
General Child Care Development and AP Programs	\$3,283	\$3,518	\$3,908	\$4,534	\$5,159	\$5,276	\$5,394
State Preschool	\$3,283	\$3,518	\$3,908	\$4,534	\$5,159	\$5,276	\$5,394
Head Start	\$1,226	\$1,544	\$1,863	\$2,181	\$2,499	\$2,818	\$3,136

For most programs, families must also demonstrate a child care need. Need is defined as child care services needed for the following reasons: (not all apply to every family).

- The parent or caretaker is employed
- The parent or caretaker is seeking employment
- The parent or caretaker is in vocational training leading directly to a trade, profession, or para-profession
- The parent or caretaker is homeless and seeking permanent housing
- The parent or caretaker is receiving public assistance
- The parent or caretaker is medically or psychiatrically incapacitated
- The child is abused or neglected or at risk of abuse or neglect (requires a referral)

* The dollar amounts are current as 7/1/11.