

GLOSSARY

Alternative Payment (AP) program: A program run by a local government agency or nonprofit organization that has contracted with the California Department of Education to provide payments to a child care provider selected by an eligible parent (Education Code, Section 8208).

California Preschool Information Network (CPIN): The California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN) was initiated during the 2003-04 school year by the California Department of Education (CDE). CPIN provides, facilitates and/or coordinates professional development opportunities for early childhood/school readiness staffs.

CalWORKs: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, a program that replaced California's Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. CalWORKs, established by California statute in 1997, is California's TANF program. It provides cash assistance and work support services, including child care, to low income families with children.

Child Care: General term encompassing all types of care for children ages birth through twelve.

Child Development Permit: California offers six levels of Child Development Permits, each with its own set of issuance requirements and each authorizing the holder to perform different levels of service in child development programs.

Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES): This program provides stipends to child care providers to continue their education and stay up to date on best practices in caring for children.

CDD: Child Development Division of California Department of Education.

CDE: California Department of Education sometimes serves as the administrative agency for all state child care funding and CalWORKs child care Stages 2 and 3.

CEL: Child Care Eligibility List: A list of families who are eligible for subsidized child care programs that is

used by multiple subsidized child care programs to enroll eligible families.

Child care and development programs: Programs that offer a full range of services for children from birth through age 12, for any part of a day, by a public or private agency, in centers and family child care homes (Education Code, Section 8208).

Child care center: Any child care facility of any capacity, other than a family child care home, in which less than 24-hour per day non-medical care and supervision are provided to children in a group setting (CCR, Title 22, Section 101152).

Child care license: A written authorization from the State Department of Social Services or a county to operate a child care center or family child care home and to provide care and supervision (CCR, Title 22, Section 10152).

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF): Children at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation: Children who are so identified by a legal, medical, or social service agency, or emergency shelter (Education Code, Section 8263).

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CLASS: The Classroom Assessment Scoring System™ (CLASS™) is an observational tool that provides a common lens and language focused classroom interactions.

Community Care Licensing (CCL): State Department of Social Services division that licenses and monitors child care facilities.

DOE: Department of Education (federal).

DOF: California Department of Finance.

DSS: California Department of Social Services serves as the administrative agency for CalWORKs Stage 1 child care funding and community care licensing.

Early Care and Education: Encompasses child care and development systems for children ages birth through five.

Early Head Start: Early Head Start (EHS) is a federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women. Its mission is to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, enhance the development of very young children, and to promote healthy family functioning.

ECE: Early Childhood Education, a course of collegiate study with a focus on early childhood development and education for children ages birth through eight.

Eligible children: Children who are currently eligible for state subsidized child care and development services (Education Code, Section 8263).

Entitlement: Programs governed by legislation in a way that legally obligates the government to make specific payments to qualified recipients.

Family Child Care: Care for children in the child care provider's home, licensed for eight or fourteen children by the County Department of Health and Human Services.

Head Start: A federal program for low-income families that serves primarily 3 and 4 year olds part day and part year.

Infant/Toddler Child Care Center: Infant/toddler Care Center is a child care facility of any capacity, other than a family child care home as defined in Section 102352f.(1), in which less than 24-hour per day nonmedical care and supervision are provided to children under the age of three in a group setting.

License-exempt child care provider / FFN – Family, Friend and Neighbor: A person 18 years of age or older who provides child care to a minor and is not required to hold a child care license (Health and Safety Code Section 1596.792).

LPC: Local Planning Council is an abbreviated reference to Local Child Care & Development Planning Council as outlined in Education Code 8499 – 8499.7.

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies: NACCRRA, the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, works with more than 700 state and local Child Care Resource and Referral agencies nationwide to help ensure that families have access to high-quality, affordable child care.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD): The NICHD Study of Early Child Care and Youth Development (SECCYD) is a comprehensive longitudinal study initiated by the NICHD to answer questions about the relationships between child care experiences, child care characteristics, and children's developmental outcomes.

Professional Association of Childhood Educators (PACE): A professional association serving child care owners, directors, and administrators.

Preschool Bridging Model (PBM): The Preschool Bridging Model works directly with private childcare centers and family childcare homes to enhance quality by on-site mentoring and coaching, site development, and providing professional development opportunities. The Preschool Bridging Model (PBM) links private childcare providers to their local school districts in order for children to have smooth transitions into kindergarten.

Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC): The WestEd Center's Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC) is a widely used training system for infant and toddler caregivers Developed collaboratively by WestEd and the California Department of Education, PITC materials are based on the latest research and practice.

Regional Market Rate (RMR): The rate that is used to calculate the reimbursement to providers who serve children who have are enrolled in CDE/CDD Alternative Payment programs. The rate currently used is from the 2005 rate survey.

Resource and Referral (R&R): A Child Care Resource and Referral program is administered by a public or private agency to provide parents with information and assistance in locating child care (Education Code, Section 8208). The R&R agency for Sacramento County Child Action, Inc.

School-age child care center: A child care center where care and supervision are provided to school-age children in a group setting (CCR, Title 22, Section 101152). Generally refers to children five through 12.

School Readiness: Preparation of a child with the necessary skills to be ready for kindergarten. School readiness includes five major areas: physical well-being and motor development; social and emotional development; approaches to learning; language development and communication; cognition and general knowledge.

State Median Income (SMI): Determined by the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and the California Department of Finance's Demographic Research Unit, the SMI is used as part of the formula to determine a family's qualification for subsidized child care. To qualify, a family of four must not exceed 70 percent of the SMI.

Standard Reimbursement Rate (SRR): The rate established by the CDE that is used to calculate the amount of a contract earned by subsidized child care centers for service to one preschool-age child. The SRR is adjusted by several factors to account for increased costs to serve infants, toddlers, and children with special needs (Education Code, Section 8265.5).

California State Preschool Program: A part-day educational program for low-income or otherwise disadvantaged pre-kindergarten-age children (Education Code, Section 8208).

TANF: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families replaced the federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program in 1996. It is a federal funding stream that provides block grants of aid to enable states to provide time-limited cash assistance and work support services to low-income families with children. A portion of TANF funding may be used for child care services to low-income families. In California TANF is called CalWORKs.

Transitional Kindergarten: A transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Pursuant to law, (EC 48000[c]), a child is eligible for transitional kindergarten if a child will have his or her fifth birthday between:

- November 2 and December 2 for the 2012–13 school year
- October 2 and December 2 for the 2013–14 school year
- September 2 and December 2 for the 2014–15 school year and each school year thereafter

Tribal Child Care: Publicly supported child care programs offered by Native American Tribes in the United States. Federally recognized Tribes are CCDF grantees.

Trustline: TrustLine is California's registry of in-home child care providers, tutors and in-home counselors who have passed a background screening. All caregivers listed with TrustLine have been cleared through a fingerprint check of records at the California Department of Justice. This means they have no disqualifying criminal convictions or substantiated child abuse reports in California. TrustLine is administered by the California Department of Social Services and the non-profit Child Care Resource and Referral Network. It is endorsed by the California Academy.

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