

# San Diego County

## Centralized Child Care Eligibility List

### ONE Application, ONE Eligibility List, ONE Community Partnership...

...that connects all families in San Diego County to all subsidized early care, early education and child care programs funded by the California Department of Education.



## About CEL...

### What is subsidized child care?

Subsidized child care is assistance to low-income families to cover part or all their child care cost, depending on their financial need.

### What is CEL?

The San Diego County Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) gives families access to many subsidized child care programs through a single application. Currently, the CEL serves several thousand families seeking subsidized child care and has over 54 participating child care programs.

### How can CEL help me?

With CEL, you can easily gain access to many subsidized child care programs through one application. CEL saves you the time of applying at each agency individually and improves your chances of obtaining subsidized child care at the location of your choice.

### Is CEL a waiting list?

No. CEL is an eligibility list. An eligibility list determines which families should be served first based on factors such as income, family size and other needs, when a space becomes available. CEL is not administered on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time that a family has been waiting does not determine who will be served first.

### Can I find out my family's ranking on the eligibility list?

No. Child care subsidies are based on priorities determined by each subsidy program. For this reason, a family's ranking can change at any given time, depending on the needs of the families participating in CEL.

## To qualify...

### Who is eligible for CEL?

Families must be low-income *and* meet at least one of the following needs\*:

- Working
- Looking for work
- Attending school or in training
- Homeless
- Medically incapacitated
- Receiving Child Protective Services (CPS)
- Seeking part-day educational preschool

To find out if you qualify, contact any participating agency or program.

*\*Needs may vary based on program requirements.*

### Income Eligibility

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income
1-2	\$3518
3	\$3769
4	\$4188
5	\$4858
6	\$5528
7	\$5653
8	\$5779
9	\$5904
10	\$6030
11	\$6156
12	\$6281

# Child Care and Development Programs... To apply...

Full or part-day child care programs are available in San Diego County for low-income families who need child care in order to work, attend school or participate in job training programs.

- **Child Development Programs offer full day child care**
- **State Preschool Programs offer part-day preschool and parenting education**
- **Head Start Programs offer full and part-day preschool and parenting education**
- **Alternative Payment Programs provide subsidized child care services to families**

## How do I get a CEL application form?

Please contact any participating agency or program in CEL to get an application form. For a complete list of participating programs, visit [www.childcaresandiego.com](http://www.childcaresandiego.com).

## What information do I need to provide if an agency contacts me?

You must provide copies of documents verifying all your income sources (including income from self-employment, federal cash income programs, and child support). Please note that you will need your child's current immunization records when you are contacted for a potential child care opening.

**Toll free: 1.800.521.0560**

**619.521.3055 ext. 2500**

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