



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

AB212 CARES

Revised Program Requirements

(July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

I. ANNUAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. CARES Professional Development Plan

- A.** Complete a CARES Professional Development Plan within 30 days of application approval. The plan will include **3-12 units of college coursework** to be completed during the program year.
- B.** Meet with a college counselor and complete a 2 or 4 year educational plan towards a Child Development or related degree*. Submit with the CARES Professional Development Plan.
**Related degree college plan must include 24 units of Child Development unless already completed.*

2. Employment Requirements

- A.** Work at the same child care program for nine (9) months after acceptance into CARES or your last stipend payment. *(Participants in at least their 2nd year of CARES may change employment and continue participating as long as they continue to work for a CDE/CDD funded child care program).*
- B.** Work directly with at least 3 children under the age of 13 a minimum of 15 hours per week.

3. Educational Requirements

- A.** Complete a minimum of three (**3**) college semester units with a letter grade of "C" or better.
- B.** College coursework must be on your College Educational Plan (signed by a college counselor) and be completed within one year of payment and **after** acceptance into CARES or your last stipend award.
- C. You must submit a copy of your current Child Development Permit or proof of application.**

II. TO RECEIVE A STIPEND AWARD:

- 1.** All entry and program requirements must be met.
- 2.** Submit all documentation requested in the Stipend Award Packet that will be mailed to you a month before you are eligible to earn a stipend.
- 3.** Participants are eligible to earn a stipend once per program year. Additional documentation submitted after the original payment documentation is processed, cannot be considered for additional payments.
- 4.** All documentation must be complete and on file at YMCA Childcare Resource Service AB212 CARES Program for a stipend award to be processed.
- 5.** General Stipends, Book Stipends and Infant/Toddler Stipends will be issued to participants as they become eligible to earn a stipend and submit complete payment documentation. Degree, Permit and Technology Stipends will be paid at the end of the program year if funding is still available.

GENERAL STIPEND AWARD PAYMENT LEVELS

3 units of college coursework = \$750

4-12 units of college coursework = \$250 per unit

BOOK STIPEND AWARD

Participants that complete three (3) or more college units and receive a General Stipend award will be eligible to receive a book stipend of **\$100 for every 3 units of coursework completed towards their stipend, up to \$400**, if funding is available.

INFANT/TODDLER STIPEND AWARD

Participants that earn a general stipend award and complete an additional 1-3 units in Infant/Toddler care and development, may earn an Infant/Toddler stipend for \$283 per unit (up to 3 units). *(The college units **do not** need to be on the college plan in order to qualify and cannot also be used for a general stipend.)*

The following stipends will be paid at the end of the fiscal year if funds are available. Please note, a copy of your upgraded permit or degree earned must be on file at the time your general stipend is issued.

PERMIT STIPEND AWARD

Participants earning their first permit or upgrading to a higher level permit and earn a general stipend will be eligible to receive one permit stipend per program year, if funding is available.

Assistant, Associate Teacher, or Teacher = \$250

Master Teacher, Site Supervisor, or Program Director = \$500

DEGREE STIPEND AWARD

Participants that earn an Associates and/or Bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university in Child Development/Early Childhood Education or related CARES-approved major, **after** entering the CARES Program and receive a general stipend award will be eligible to receive one degree stipend per year, if funding is available.

Associates Degree = \$500 Bachelor's Degree = \$750

Masters Degree/Multiple Subject Teaching Credential = \$1000

ALL STIPEND AWARDS ARE BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING

Requirements may change each program year based on local and state contract changes

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