

# \$50 million in State Funding Emergency Child Care Services for Essential Workers and At-Risk Populations

On April 10, 2020 Governor Newsom released \$50 million to pay for limited-term state subsidized child care vouchers for essential workers and at-risk populations.

On April 17, 2020 San Diego County's two Alternative Payment Program agencies, Child Development Associates (CDA) and YMCA Childcare Resource Service, received contracts from the California Department of Education (CDE) for \$5.1 million in child care subsidy vouchers and case management/administrative costs to administer the program to parents and child care providers. **An estimated 2,664 children will be provided with two months of financial assistance for child care services.**

In the Alternative Payment Program, families receive subsidy vouchers to get care from the child care provider of the parents' choice. This includes services from licensed child care centers or family child care homes, or license-exempt caregivers, such as friends or relatives who provide in-home care. Payments will be made directly to the child care provider.



**Link:** <http://www.sandiegoforeverychild.org/covid19/>

## Process

- Parents will register to apply on a single web site for San Diego County.
- Emergency child care services are authorized through June 30, 2020.
- The value of child care subsidy vouchers is capped.
- Funds may only be used for the specific purpose authorized by CDE.
- Families must be enrolled using the following priorities as directed by CDE.

## Eligibility

### 1) At-risk populations:

- At-risk population priority 1: Children identified as receiving Child Protective Services or at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- At-risk population priority 2: Children eligible through the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children.
- At-risk population priority 3: Families experiencing homelessness as defined in *Section 11434(a)(2) of Title 42 of the United States Code*, known as the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- At-risk population priority 4: Children of domestic violence survivors.

### 2) At-risk population essential workers in the following sectors, whose total family income does not exceed the current income eligibility threshold and are not able to work remotely. Both parents must be essential workers to qualify (enroll in the order listed):

- Essential worker priority 1: Healthcare/Public Health and Emergency Service sectors.
- Essential worker priority 2: Food and Agriculture, Teachers, education staff, and providers of early learning and care services including custodial, kitchen staff, and other support staff, Workers supporting critical infrastructure, State and local government workers, Communications and Information Technology IT, Energy, Transportation and Logistics, Critical Manufacturing, Hazardous Materials, Financial Services, and Chemical sectors.
- Essential worker priority 3: All other fields listed on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers document, located at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>.

### 3) Families with children with disabilities or special health care needs whose IEPs and IFSPs include ELC services.

### 4) Essential workers listed in #2 above, whose total family income exceeds the current income eligibility threshold and are not able to work remotely.

## Reimbursement

- Payments will be made directly to the child care provider by San Diego County Alternative Payment Programs, Child Development Associates and YMCA Childcare Resource Service.
- Providers will be paid in accordance with California Department of Education regulations and guidance.
- Providers will be paid the amount they invoice the Alternative Payment Program for the child care services, capped by the Regional Market Ceilings for San Diego County.

### For Child Care Centers



Age Group	Full-time Daily	Full-time Weekly	Full-time Monthly	Part-time Hourly	Part-time Weekly	Part-time Monthly
Birth to 24 Months	94.03	384.78	1,543.15	15.78	268.03	1,022.63
2 through 5 Years	64.49	301.89	1,053.91	12.07	229.25	695.49
School Age	60.44	238.75	907.81	11.29	140.47	508.85

### For Family Child Care Homes



Age Group	Full-time Daily	Full-time Weekly	Full-time Monthly	Part-time Hourly	Part-time Weekly	Part-time Monthly
Birth to 24 Months	56.09	234.59	948.36	11.49	177.63	697.25
2 through 5 Years	51.88	220.87	884.78	10.83	166.59	619.72
School Age	41.05	170.74	701.92	9.62	132.78	507.98

### TrustLined/Relative



Age Group	Full-time Daily	Full-time Weekly	Full-time Monthly	Part-time Hourly
Birth to 24 Months	39.26	164.21	663.85	3.65
2 through 5 Years	36.32	154.61	619.35	3.44
School Age	28.74	119.52	491.34	2.66

Source: <https://www3.cde.ca.gov/rcsc/index.aspx>

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