

**Need help with child care?**

## **StanWORKS Child Care**

**209.558.2332**

## **Choices for Children**

**209.860.5030**

## **Resource & Referral**

For help with finding a child care provider, call:

**209.238.6400**

## **Subsidized Child Care Waitlist (StanWait)**

To get on a wait list for other subsidized child care programs, call:

**209.238.6400**

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Stanislaus County  
Community Services Agency  
StanWORKs Child Care

and

Choices for Children of  
Stanislaus County

**SUBSIDIZED  
CHILD CARE  
PROGRAMS**

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Stages 1, 2, & 3

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**StanWORKs Child Care** and **Choices for Children** can help you with the cost of child care, if you qualify.

To qualify, you must be a current CalWORKs recipient or a former CalWORKs recipient within 24 months of being discontinued from CalWORKs, and meet all other Eligibility and Need requirements. Child care can only be paid if the parent, or both parents, in the case of a two-parent household, are participating in approved work activities and/or working, at the same time, or meet a criteria of Need that makes both parents unable to provide care.

Children are eligible for subsidized child care through their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. If your child has exceptional needs, subsidized child care may continue to be provided past their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday after certain verifications are received.

Reimbursement for child care services is based on the type of provider you choose, the age of your child, and your need for child care services. The State sets a dollar limit on the rate we can use to reimburse your child care provider. You will be responsible for any difference between what

your provider charges and what we are able to cover. This is called a co-payment. You are also responsible for the cost of care if you continue to use child care services when you no longer meet program requirements. You may have to pay a share of your child care expenses each month. This is called a Family Fee. The Family Fee is based on your monthly income and family size.

Child Care programs administered by StanWORKs Child Care and Choices for Children are provided in three stages, Stages 1, 2, & 3.

**Stage 1 Child Care** is administered by **StanWORKs Child Care**, and starts when your linkage to Welfare-to-Work and CalWORKs has been established and your Child Care application has been approved. Services provided no more than 30 days prior to your application date may be paid if your case is approved.

**Stage 2 Child Care** is administered by **Choices for Children**, and may be used while the family is working or participating in Welfare-to-Work activities, and can continue for up to two years after the parent or the family is discontinued from CalWORKs.

**Stage 3 Child Care** is also administered by **Choices for Children**, and is only available immediately following the family's transitional child care period (24-months after the parent's or family's CalWORKs is discontinued). Once a Stage 3 child care case is discontinued for any reason, child care services cannot be restored.

The choice of a quality child care provider is yours. However, your chosen provider can be approved or denied by the programs. You may choose a friend, a relative, a licensed child care provider or facility. **Unlicensed providers must be** age 18 or older, legally able to work in the U.S. with no disqualifying felony conviction, and either be **TrustLine Exempt or TrustLine Registered** before they can be approved and reimbursed as your child care provider.

