

Child Care Corner

Newsletter Winter '07

Stanislaus County Subsidized Child Care
251 E. Hockett Rd., Modesto, CA 95355

COMING SOON.....



* EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2008, WE WILL BE ACCEPTING FACE TO FACE APPLICATIONS ONLY -

Mail in applications will no longer be accepted. You must come in to our office to apply Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are located on the 2nd Floor of the Family Services entrance. Please check in with the Child Care Receptionist.

* MORE SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THE CHILDCARE INFORMATION LINE BEGINNING JANUARY 2008 558-2332

You will be able to speak to a child care representative during operating hours as opposed to leaving a message. They will be able to give you the status of payment or status of case. They will also be able to send applications, paperwork and forms directly to you.

* PARENT/PROVIDER HANDBOOK

Our updated handbook is coming soon.

* MANDATORY TRUSTLINE REGISTRATION IN 2008

Unlicensed providers who are not the Grandparent, Aunt, or Uncle to the child must be Trustline Registered with a Cleared Status before we can approve them as a provider and make a payment.

WHAT'S NEW.....

* PROVIDER ORIENTATION-

Child Care would like to thank the providers who attended in October... look for our upcoming provider orientation next year. Please read the Q&As from our orientation on the other side.

* TOY LENDING LIBRARY - 567-4516

Toys for lending - all you need is a photo ID and you can obtain a library card. Operating Hours of Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Located at Stanislaus County Office of Education Media Services Center, County Center III, 917 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA 95355

CHILD CARE ACRONYMS

CALWORKS - California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids
CC - Child Care
CDE - California Dept. of Education
CDSS - California Department of Social Services
CCP7 - Request Form for ChildCare
Ex Prov - Exempt Provider
FF - Family Fee
H&S - Health & Safety Checklist
NOA - Notice of Action
P&P HANDBOOK - Parent & Provider Handbook
RMR - Regional Market Rate
TANF - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Cash Aid)
T/L - Trustline
WTW - Welfare to Work



FAMILY FEE INFORMATION -

*Family Fees are based on the family's income and size. A Notice of Action will be mailed to you with your Full Time/Part Time family fee rate if it applies to your family.

FAMILY FEE RECEIPT MUST...

1. be an original copy
2. be pre-numbered
3. document the parent and provider's name, the date of payment, the period of service, the amount paid
4. have the signature of the person issuing the receipt (not a business stamp or the name of the facility)
5. be retained in the Child Care case file with the corresponding payment request.
6. *NEW* - document the rate of payment (FT & PT Family Fee rate must be indicated on the family fee receipt)*

*To receive the **NEW** family fee pre-numbered receipts mailed to you, please leave your name, address, and phone number on the Child Care info line... 558-2332.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q - Is Child Care eligibility based on low income only?

A - To qualify for CSA StanWORK's Child Care, the parent applying must have received CalWORK's cash aid within the last 24 months. They must also meet certain income limits and have an approvable need (Employment, WTW activities, school, etc.) CSA has a very small General Child Care program which we pull names off the Stanislaus Office of Education's Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) for families who have not received cash aid.

Q - Do children with a disability get a higher reimbursement rate?

A - Children with a verifiable special need (provides an IEP or IRLP completed from a school district or agency) may be reimbursed at a higher regional market rate if their licensed provider provides verification they have extra expenses because of the child's special need.

Q - Can anyone sign a child in or out on the yellow payment request form?

A - The actual person who is dropping the child off into child care must sign the child in. If the provider takes the child to school or picks the child up from school, they must initial the child in or out at that exact time. The actual person who picks the child up from child care must sign the child out. (Grandparent, relative, friends, etc...)

Q - If a provider's child care contract with the parent includes charges that the StanWORK's Child Care Program is unable to pay (late fees), how does the provider collect the money?

A - The parent is responsible for any balance or fee that our Child Care program can't pay. The provider needs to pursue the parent for payment.

Q - Can providers fill out the attendance part A of the request for reimbursement?

A - No, only the parent may complete this section. The parent must complete this daily as they leave or pick up their child from care. The only time the provider may write in this section is when they are dropping off or picking up the child from home or school.

Get FREE Training with the CARES Family, Friend, & Neighbors Project

1. Are you 18 years or older?
 2. Do you care for a child or children under 5 years old in Stanislaus County while their parent or guardian(s) works or goes to school for at least 15 hours a week?
 3. Are you an unlicensed childcare provider or are you trustlined?
- If you answered YES to all three questions, **YOU QUALIFY!!**

CARES also provides stipends for continued education for providers working towards a degree. call 209-341-1661

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- * If you have an Address Change you must inform your CashAid worker & your Child Care worker immediately to prevent any interruption in services.
- * Please review paper work for **COMPLETENESS** and **ACCURACY** each month BEFORE submitting payment request(s) to ensure timely payments.
- * If a correction needs to be made on ANY of our forms: Cross out, then Initial & date. White out is not acceptable on any of our forms.
- * Be sure attendance is completed daily on the payment request.

**Am I crying?
Are you frustrated?
My life is in your hands...**

**If you shake me
you could kill me**



Never Shake A Baby!

For help call
25 Four Point Square, Newark, CA
94560-1000

Stanislaus County Child
Protective Services
1-800-753-3663



Stanislaus County Department of Social Services
Department of Child Abuse Prevention



CHILDREN'S CORNER

