

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: *Is eligibility based on family size and income, or first come, first serve?*

Families are ranked based on family size and income. There must be a need, such as looking for work, working, attending school or training, an incapacity that makes you unable to care for your child, or a referral from Child Protective Services (CPS).

Question: *Once I complete a CEL application, how long will I wait on the list?*

You will only be contacted when funds become available and your family is next on the list. There is no set time when new funding becomes available to allow families to be added to programs.

Question: *What information do I need to provide?*

If there is an opening in a program, you will be notified what to bring for that program. Documentation will include ALL of your gross monthly income sources (salary, self-employment, child support, and/or cash assistance); proof of immunization for each child needing care and birth certificates.

When we ask for updated information, please respond. If you do not reply to a request for an update, your family will be removed from the list.

Question: *Will I need to pay anything for child care?*

You may incur an out of pocket expense if the child care provider you choose charges more than the State reimburses. You may still choose to use these providers, but you will be required to pay the difference directly to the provider. Some families may be required to pay a family fee to PCOE. The fee is established by the State of California and is based on the client's gross monthly income and family size.



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Centralized Eligibility List

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What is the Centralized Eligibility List (CEL)?

The cost of child care is a major concern for many families. CEL makes it possible for families to have access to many programs for which they qualify, expanding their opportunity for access to subsidized care.

PCOE receives funding to provide financial assistance to families needing care who are working, seeking employment, and/or attending school or training.

- Funding is limited
- There are income eligibility requirements
- All families need to complete the CEL Form for placement of the Placer County Childcare Eligibility List (CEL)
- The Centralized Eligibility List (CEL), gives families access to multiple subsidized child care programs through a single application. CEL helps income-eligible families with children birth through 12 years old find child care programs that cover part or all of their child care cost.

Eligibility Requirements For Subsidized Child Care

- Working or looking for work
- Attending school or in training
- Medically incapacitated
- Receiving Child Protective Services (CPS)
- Have a child or children birth through 12 years old
- Gross family income is below or at the income eligibility requirements

How Can I Apply?

Online Application: <https://placer.countycel.org/online>

or contact the Placer County Office of Education
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Applications can be obtained and returned via mail,
fax, or in person:

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Website: www.placercoe.k12.ca.us



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What if My Information Changes?

If your family situation changes, you need to notify PCOE Early Childhood Education immediately to update your CEL application.

Changes include:

- Increase or decrease in income
- Change of address or telephone number
- Change in the number of adults or children in the household

Programs and Services That Use The CEL

- CalWORKS's Child Care
- Alternative Payment Program
- State Preschool
- Placer Community Action Council
- Family Child Care Home Educational Network
- City of Roseville Adventure Club
- Resource & Referral Program

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