

Centralized Eligibility List (CEL)

WHAT IS THE CENTRALIZED ELIGIBILITY LIST (CEL)?

The cost of childcare is a major concern for many families. The 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 CEL, gives families access to multiple subsidized childcare programs through a single application. The CEL helps income-eligible families with children birth through 12 years old find childcare programs that cover part or all of their childcare cost.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT USE THE CEL:

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

*NOTE: Categorical Eligibility - Use the income amount reported on the application to qualify for means-tested government programs. i.e. Medi-Cal, CalFresh, WIC, Head Start.

ONCE I COMPLETE A CEL APPLICATION, HOW LONG WILL I WAIT ON THE LIST?

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

WILL I NEED TO PAY ANYTHING FOR CHILDCARE?

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.

Frequently asked questions:



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).

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

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 residency, and birth certificates for all children in the household.

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

To Apply: Contact the Placer County Office of Education, Early Childhood Education Applications can be obtained and returned via mail, fax, or in person:



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