

Child Development Services (CDS) CHILD CARE ELIGIBILITY LIST INFORMATION

WHAT CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

CDS is yearly funded for subsidized child care payment program grants to assist with child-care expenses. Our programs are available to income-eligible parents who are working, seeking employment, in training/school, or needing specific services such as respite or special needs care for their children.

HOW DO APPLICANTS GET ON THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CDS) ELIGIBILITY LIST?

Once CDS receives a "CDS Child Care Eligibility List Application" from an applicant, their name and information will be entered on the CDS Child Care Eligibility List. When funds become available and CDS staff determines their eligibility, they will be contacted and a certification appointment will be scheduled. At that appointment, the applicant will be asked to bring certain documentation required for the subsidized child care payment program that they will be placed on. CDS does not guarantee services at time of appointment. Eligibility must be established.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET HELP?

CDS staff is unable to determine how long it will take for funds to be available to enroll a specific child. Access to the programs is based on specified priorities, income, and need. This means that the list may change on a daily basis.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

Funding for our subsidized child care payment programs comes from the California State Department of Education, Child Development Division. These programs are based on yearly grants. Elected officials must be made aware that families need help paying for child-care costs. CDS encourages families to call and/or write letters to keep the elected officials in touch with the every day child-care problems that families are facing.

WHAT ARE THE APPLICANTS RESPONSIBILITIES?

It is the applicant's responsibility to call and update their information (such as: address, telephone number, income, marital status, etc.). For an application or updates, please call:

**Main CDS Office (909) 384 -1492 or 1-(800) 722 -1091
Morongo Basin 1-(888) 313-5580**



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