

**What is the Stanislaus County  
Centralized Eligibility List?**

Traditionally, state child care programs maintain a list of children waiting to enroll. The Stanislaus County Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) is a system that combines all of these separate lists, eliminates duplication and allows subsidized child development providers in Stanislaus County to access children that are eligible for their programs. The term “eligibility” is used because families are ranked by eligibility factors for subsidized care (income, size, and need) not just by the amount of time they have been on the list.



**Learn More**

For more information, please call the  
Stanislaus County  
Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) at:  
(209) 238-6400



*Alternative  
Payment  
Programs*



*A Child Development Program  
Funded by  
The California Department  
of Education,  
Child Development Division*

**CHILD/FAMILY SERVICES**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Child/Family Services Division is to provide a comprehensive quality family support service system that includes a collaborative effort with other community resource agencies in the endeavor to enhance the quality of life for the clients served.



**SERVICE AREA AND TYPE**

The Alternative Payment programs serve eligible families receiving child care in Stanislaus County. They provide services and subsidies for children who need care.

Parents/Guardians have the right to choose child care that is most appropriate to their needs, as long as the child care provider works within the regulations of the Alternative Payment programs.



**PARENTAL CHOICE**

It is the parent's/guardian's right and responsibility to choose the child care provider for their children. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to choose a clean, healthy, safe environment for their children.



**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility for the Alternative Payment programs is determined by need, family size and income. A family has a need for services when they meet one of the criteria below:

1. The child is receiving protective services and child care and development services are part of the Child Protective Services plan.
2. The child is at risk for abuse, neglect or exploitation and the family needs child care and development services.
3. The parent or guardian and other adult family members are:
  - a. employed,
  - b. actively seeking employment, or
  - c. participating in vocational training leading directly to a recognized trade, profession, or paraprofession.
4. Incapacitated, including medical or psychiatric, to the extent that the parents' ability to provide normal care of the child is significantly limited.
5. Seeking permanent housing/Homeless

**SERVICES OFFERED**

- Eligibility determination
- Information on additional community social service agencies and programs
- Referral to other community resources
- Parent education on quality child care practices and development issues
- Assistance in finding providers to meet individual family needs
- Subsidies for children with disabilities and other special needs



**ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAMS**

Federal Block Grant/Alternative Payment  
Type of Care: *Parental Choice*  
Ages Served: *To age 13*  
*(Children incapable of caring for themselves may be served to age 18)*



State Alternative Payment  
Type of Care: *Parental Choice*  
*(No religious facilities)*  
Ages Served: *To age 13*  
*(Children incapable of caring for themselves may be served to age 21)*



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