

Proposed Child Care Structure for 2012-13

DSS: CalWORKs Child Care Stage 1 will continue to be administered by County Welfare Directors subject to the new work participation requirements.

CDE: CalWORKs Child Care Stage 2 is an entitlement for families for two years after the family stops receiving a CalWORKs grant.

CDE: CalWORKs Child Care Stage 3 is for families that have exhausted the time limit in Stage 2 and are otherwise eligible for child care. Stage 3 is a capped program.

CDE: Alternative Payment Programs provide low income families with vouchers for care in a licensed center, family child care home, or by a licensed-exempt provider.

CDE: Administration of the General Child Care program which funds Title 5 centers through direct contracts with the State would not change in the budget year, except for the reduction in income eligibility and reimbursement rate, which would reduce the size of this program considerably.

CDE: New consolidated block grant to the Alternative Payment contractors to provide vouchers to serve eligible families with priority given to families whose children are recipients of child protective services, or at risk of being abused, neglected, or exploited, cash-aided families meeting work requirements, and other income eligible families meeting work requirements.

