



ONE Application, ONE Eligibility List,, ONE Community Partnership

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Connecting all families in Merced County to all subsidized early care, early education and child care programs funded by the California Department of Education.

The Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) is funded by the California Department of Education and operates independently in all 58 counties of California.

What are Subsidized Services and Who Qualifies?

Subsidized services are financial assistance for families who maintain lower income levels in relation to their family size and have qualifying needs and/or service requests for early care, early education and child care.

The California Department of Education contracts with local agencies to pay for child care services if a family is determined eligible.

“Choosing quality care is one of the most important decisions any family ever makes for its children!”

ACCESS - Resource & Referral can provide information on quality early care, early education and child care.

The Resource & Referral staff helps families to find child care and people to become a child care provider.

They offer trainings, workshops and activity ideas. A Resource Toy Lending Library and Resource Center are available for child care providers.

For more information, please call 722-3804.

What is the Centralized Eligibility List (CEL)?

The Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) of Merced County is a countywide list of all families that wish to be considered for services by early care and education and child care subsidy programs.

An “eligibility” list is different than a “waiting” list. Being on the eligibility list does not guarantee services and it is not possible to determine how long an applicant might wait for services.

Children/families are selected for subsidized services based upon eligibility requirements and other priorities determined by the California Department of Education. Your application is processed and evaluated according to:

- o The income and family size guidelines established by the California Department of Education; and
- o The enrollment guidelines for all state-funded programs that every child in the family is eligible based upon the families need and/or request for services.

All information provided on your application will be verified at the time of enrollment.

Applicants are responsible for keeping their information up-to-date with the CEL office, particularly if there are changes to employment/training, income, address, telephone number, family size or need for services.

Participating in the CEL increases the opportunity for a child/family to receive subsidized early care, early education and/or child care services and provides information about options available to children/families.

Protection of Privacy

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Education, Sections 18117 and 18426 allows for the transfer of applicant information for the purpose of program operations. The CEL Administrator and Participating Agencies are ensuring that information provided by CEL applicants will be reviewed only by authorized personnel and will not be released without the applicant's written consent.

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WHAT SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE IN MERCED COUNTY?

There are many different subsidized programs that offer low and no-cost early care and education and child care options for families in Merced County. Some programs provide services in centers and others in home-based environments. Some are licensed and some are not. It is the responsibility of the family seeking care to visit programs and select the ones of the highest quality.

Head Start and State Preschool Programs are typically part-day comprehensive developmental programs for 3 to 5 year-old children (pre-Kindergarten) from low income families. These programs provide educational activities for children that are developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate. Programs also provide parent education, encourage parent involvement, offer meals and snacks to children, make referrals to health and social services and provide staff development opportunities to employees.

Prekindergarten and Family Literacy Programs are designed to facilitate a child's transition to kindergarten, provide part-day age and developmentally appropriate activities the year before they are eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten. The programs provide a literacy component and encourage parents to work on interactive literacy activities both in the classroom and at home with their children. The programs also include a parenting education and staff development component. PKFL programs must be located in the attendance area of elementary schools in deciles 1 to 3, inclusive. Families must meet income eligibility criteria, however, after all income eligible children are served, 20% of children may be from families whose income exceeds the income eligibility limits.

Merced County Office of Education - Head Start

Administrative Offices 723-4771

Delhi Unified School District

Schendel Preschool 668-6126

Los Banos Unified School District

WUES Preschool 827-0120

Merced City School District - For information about enrollment at any one of the preschool sites below, please call: 385-6619.

Burbank State Preschool
Fremont State Preschool
Muir State Preschool
Sheehy State Preschool

Clark State Preschool
Givens State Preschool
Peterson State Preschool
Sierra State Preschool

Franklin State Preschool
Gracey State Preschool
Reyes State Preschool
Wright State Preschool

Merced County Community Action Agency

Administrative Office 723-4565
Delhi State Preschool 668-6125
Stevinson State Preschool 669-8884

Winton Elementary School District

Crookham State Preschool 357-6182
Sparkes State Preschool 357-6180
Winfield Preschool 357-6891

Weaver Union Elementary School District

Weaver State Preschool 725-7122

General Child Care and Development Programs provide child development services for children from birth through 12 years of age and older children with exceptional needs. These programs provide a developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate education component. The programs also provide meals and snacks to children, parent education, referrals to health and social services for families, and staff development opportunities to employees.

City of Merced/Merced City School District - Youth Enrichment Program

City of Merced 385-6855
Merced City School District 385-6737

Livingston Union Elementary School District

Prusso Child Development Center 394-5485
Walnut Child Development Center 394-7122

Los Banos Unified School District

The Learning Center 826-0154

Merced Community College

Child Development Center 384-6245

Merced County Community Action Agency

Administrative Office 723-4565
Los Banos Child Development Center 826-1011
Merced Child Development Center 723-1046

Stanislaus County Office of Education/CCDS, Inc.

John O'Bannon Center 726-3154

Alternative Payment (AP) Programs meet a wide variety of the child care needs of families. Parents select a child care provider and payment for the care is made directly to the provider by the AP program. Providers may include Licensed Centers, Licensed Family Homes, and FFN (Family Friend or Neighbor) Providers including Trustline and Trustline-Exempt care. The AP program is intended to increase parental choice and accommodate the individual needs of the family.

Merced County Office of Education

A.C.E.S.S. Alternative Payment Program 383-7147

Professional Association for Childhood Education Alternative Payment Program (PACEAPP)

Madera Regional Offices 559-664-0263

School Age Community Child Care (Latchkey) Programs are offered at some elementary schools to provide a safe environment with age and developmentally appropriate activities to accommodate parents who need to drop off their school-age children before school begins or leave them at school until the end of the work day.

Weaver Union Elementary School District

Weaver Latchkey Program 725-7122



**CENTRALIZED ELIGIBILITY LIST (CEL) APPLICATION FOR
SUBSIDIZED EARLY CARE & EDUCATION IN MERCED COUNTY**
SOLICITUD PARA INGRESAR EN LA LISTA CENTRALIZADA DE ELEGIBILIDAD (CENTRALIZED ELIGIBILITY LIST, CEL) PARA RECIBIR
CUIDADO Y EDUCACIÓN TEMPRANA SUBSIDIADA EN EL CONDADO DE MERCED

Rev. 6-6-2008

1. Application Date (Fecha de la solicitud): ___/___/_____

2. ADULT INFORMATION (Información de Adulto)

APPLICANT "A" INFORMATION (INFORMACION DEL SOLICITANTE "A")			
First Name (Nombre)		Middle Initial (Inicial)	Last Name (Apellido)
Mailing Address (Domicilio)		City (Ciudad)	Zip Code (Código postal)
Home Phone No. (N.º de teléfono del hogar)	Social Security No. (N.º de Seguro Social)	Date of Birth (Fecha de nacimiento)	
Speak English? (¿Habla inglés?) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Si) <input type="checkbox"/> No (No) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Otro): _____	Total Gross Monthly Income (Ingreso Mensual Bruto Total) \$ _____		

*You must complete the section below if you are 1) Married; or 2) Single and living with another adult who shares in the responsibility for the care and welfare of the child(ren) living in your home.

(*Debe completar esta sección si usted es: 1) casado(a) o es 2) soltero(a) y vive con otro adulto y comparte la responsabilidad y el bien estar de los niños viviendo en su hogar.)

APPLICANT "B" INFORMATION (INFORMACION DEL SOLICITANTE "B")		
First Name (Nombre)	Middle Initial (Inicial)	Last Name (Apellido)
Social Security No. (N.º de Seguro Social)	Date of Birth (Fecha de nacimiento)	Total Gross Monthly Income (Ingreso Mensual Bruto Total) \$ _____

3. CHILD(REN) INFORMATION (Información de hijo/a(s))

How many children live in your home? (¿Cuántos niños viven en su hogar?): _____				
First Name (Nombre)	Last Name (Apellido)	Date of Birth (Fecha de nacimiento)	Relationship to Applicant(s) (Relación del solicitante)	Are You Seeking Services for this Child? (Esta solicitando servicios para su hijo/a)
1.			<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Child (Hijo natural) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Child (Niño bajo tutela) <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child (Hijo suplente)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Si) <input type="checkbox"/> No (No)
2.			<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Child (Hijo natural) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Child (Niño bajo tutela) <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child (Hijo suplente)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Si) <input type="checkbox"/> No (No)
3.			<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Child (Hijo natural) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Child (Niño bajo tutela) <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child (Hijo suplente)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Si) <input type="checkbox"/> No (No)
4.			<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Child (Hijo natural) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Child (Niño bajo tutela) <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child (Hijo suplente)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Si) <input type="checkbox"/> No (No)
5.			<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Child (Hijo natural) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Child (Niño bajo tutela) <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child (Hijo suplente)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Si) <input type="checkbox"/> No (No)

4. DISCLAIMER (Disclamador)

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW BEFORE SIGNING AND SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.

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The CEL is designed to provide families with a streamlined system of universal and easy access to all programs within Merced County which they may be eligible. Therefore, once a CEL application is completed and your information is processed into our database, it is not necessary to complete additional applications as your information changes. Changes to your application can be handled by phone with CEL staff.

For the protection of your privacy, we have taken measures to ensure that information provided by users of the CEL is reviewed only by authorized personnel. After your information is processed into our system, you will receive written correspondence requesting that you contact our office (BY PHONE) for a telephone verification screening. If you do not respond by the date requested, your application will be placed in an inactive status and you will not be considered for services. During the telephone screening, you will be advised of your eligibility status and a confirmation letter will be issued to you. Again, if you do not participate in a telephone verification screening, your application will be inactivated.

- 1. (Initial Here) - I declare that the information contained within this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that
2. (Initial Here) - I understand that I am responsible to respond to any written notification (including, but not limited to my notification of application processing and telephone verification screening letter) from the CEL office or any participating agency and that failure to respond can result in my application becoming inactive.
3. (Initial Here) - I understand my eligibility will be based upon information given here and during the telephone verification screening. At the time of enrollment with a participating agency, documentation will be required to verify the reported information. And inaccuracies of information can delay or disqualify me from enrollment with the agency.
4. (Initial Here) - I understand that to remain active on the CEL, I am responsible for updating my information as it changes (specifically related to my income, family size, address, telephone number, or employment status) with the CEL office or any participating agency. As a courtesy, the CEL will send me an update reminder every three to six months and failure to respond to the update will cause my application to become inactive and no longer considered for services.

POR FAVOR LEA ESTA INFORMACIÓN ANTES DE FIRMAR Y ENVIAR SU SOLICITUD.

La Lista de Elegibilidad Centralizada (CEL) de Merced County es la "lista de elegibilidad" del condado para todas las familias que deseen ser tenidas en cuenta para recibir servicios subvencionados de cuidado infantil y desarrollo. Una "lista de elegibilidad" es diferente de una "lista de espera". Estar en la lista de elegibilidad NO garantiza servicios y no es posible determinar cuánto tiempo debe esperar un solicitante para recibirlos ... aunque el tiempo que estén en la lista sea un factor, no es el único factor.

La CEL está diseñada para proporcionar a las familias un sistema eficiente de acceso universal y sencillo a todos los programas del Merced County para los que puedan ser elegibles. Por lo tanto, una vez que se haya completado la solicitud de la CEL y se haya procesado su información es nuestra base de datos, no es necesario hacer solicitudes adicionales a medida que cambie su información. Los cambios en su solicitud pueden efectuarse por teléfono con la ayuda del personal de la CEL.

Para proteger su privacidad, hemos tomado medidas para asegurarnos de que la información proporcionada por los usuarios de la CEL sea revisada únicamente por personal autorizado. Después de procesar su información en nuestro sistema, recibirá por correo una carta solicitando que se ponga en contacto con su oficina (POR TELÉFONO) para hacer una verificación. Si no responde para la fecha indicada, su solicitud pasará a un estado inactivo y no se le tendrá en cuenta para recibir servicios. Durante la verificación por teléfono, se le comunicará su estado de elegibilidad y se le enviará una carta de confirmación. Repetimos, si no participa en una verificación por teléfono, su solicitud será inactivada.

- 1. (Inicial aqui) - Declaro que según lo que yo sé, la información contenida en esta solicitud es completa y cierta. Entiendo que
2. (Inicial aqui) - Entiendo que soy responsable de responder a cualquier notificación por escrito (incluida mi notificación de procesamiento de solicitud y la carta de verificación por teléfono pero sin limitarse a lo anterior) de la oficina de la CEL o de cualquier agencia participante y que de no responder, se podría inactivar mi solicitud.
3. (Inicial aqui) - Entiendo que mi elegibilidad estará basada en la información aquí dada y en la verificación por teléfono. En el momento de la inscripción en una agencia participante, será necesaria la documentación para verificar la información dada. Cualquier inexactitud de la información puede demorar o descalificarme de la inscripción en esa agencia.
4. (Inicial aqui) - Entiendo que para permanecer activo en la CEL, soy responsable de actualizar mi información a medida que cambie (específicamente en lo relacionado a mis ingresos, tamaño de la familia, domicilio, número de teléfono o estado de empleo) con la oficina de la CEL o cualquier agencia participante. Como cortesía, la CEL me enviará un recordatorio actualizado cada tres a seis meses y de no responder a la actualización se inactivará mi solicitud y dejará de ser considerada para recibir servicios.

Today's Date (Fecha de hoy):

Signature (Firma):

Printed Name(Nombre Impreso):

Completed applications can be submitted to any Merced County CEL participating agency. If you prefer, you may also submit your completed application in person, by mail, or by fax to:

(Las solicitudes completadas se pueden presentar a cualquier agencia participante en la CEL del condado de Merced. Si lo prefiere, también puede presentar su solicitud completada personalmente, por correo o por fax a:)

If you have any questions regarding the CEL, please feel free to contact 209-381-6784. (Si tiene alguna pregunta referente a la CEL, no dude en llamar al teléfono 209-381-6784.)

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