IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR CHILD CARE INFORMATION

Community Services Agency’s

StanWORKs Child Care Information line
(Call to request an application packet or for questions)
(209) 558-2332

Stanislaus County’s Resource & Referral
(Call for help in finding childcare)
(209) 238-6400

Stanislaus County’s Centralized Eligibility List (CEL)
(Eligibility list for other subsidized child care programs)
(209) 238-6400

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
William O’Brien – District 1
Vito Chiesa – District 2
Terry Withrow – District 3
Dick Monteith – District 4
Jim DeMartini – District 5

STANWORKS CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Stages 1, 2 & 3
1/11 Rev.
The StanWORKs Child Care Program can help you with the cost of childcare while you participate in your approved Welfare-to-Work activity (pre-approved by your Welfare to Work case manager) and while working.

In a two-parent household, child care can only be paid if both parents are attending approved work activities, or working, at the same time.

Children are eligible for subsidized care through their 12th birthday. If your child has exceptional needs, care may be provided after certain verifications are received.

To apply for Child Care Services, you must request an appointment in person at the StanWORKs Child Care Program reception window located at 251 E Hackett Rd. Modesto CA. 2nd floor of the Family Services Entrance. You must complete a face to face interview and submit all required and completed forms and verifications to complete the application process. Applications are taken Monday through Friday by appointment only.

The amount we reimburse for child care is based on the type of provider you choose, the age of your child, and your need for child care services. The State sets a dollar limit on the rate we can use to reimburse your child care provider. You will be responsible for any difference between what your provider charges and what we are able to cover. This is called a co-payment. You are also responsible for the cost of care when you are not working or participating in your assigned activity, or when you continue to use child care services when you no longer meet program requirements.

You may have to pay a share of your child care expenses each month. This is called a Family Fee. The Family Fee is based on your monthly income and family size.

There are three stages of child care in the StanWORKs Child Care Program. Stages 1, 2, & 3.

Stage 1 Child Care starts when your linkage to Welfare-to-Work and CalWORKs has been established and your Child Care application has been approved.

Sometimes services provided prior to your application date can be paid after your case has been approved.

Stage 2 Child Care may be used while the family is working or participating in Welfare-to-Work activities, and can continue for up to two years after the family is discontinued from cash assistance.

Stage 3 Child Care is only available immediately following the family’s transitional child care period (24-months after CalWORKs is discontinued). Once a Stage 3 child care case is discontinued for any reason, child care services can not be restored.

The choice of a quality childcare provider is yours. However, your chosen provider must be approved by the StanWORKs Child Care Program. You may choose a friend, a relative, a licensed child care provider, or a school-based after school learning center. Unlicensed providers must be age 18 or older, legally able to work in the U.S., and Trustline Registered before they can be reimbursed as your child care provider.