Child Care Conner Spring'08 Newsletter



WHAT'S NEW?





StanWORKs Child Care Program 251 E. Hackett Rd. Modesto, CA 95353

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PROVIDERS WERE RECENTLY ASKED TO SUPPLY THE CHILD CARE PROGRAM WITH NEW FORMS AND UPDATED LICENSES

Child Care Providers were asked to send current copies of all state licenses, a blank copy of their current contract and fee schedule, an original updated W-9 and a signed Provider Child Care Policy and Procedure Statement Form from the revised StanWORKs Child Care Parent & Provider Handbook.

When the provider file is current, licensed providers will only need to complete a Licensed Provider Designation Form for each new family.

Once Child Care providers have been approved to receive Child Care reimbursements from our agency, it is the provider's responsibility to contact the Provider File Maintainer, Catalina Elsasser at 558-2651 with any changes to continue to receive reimbursement. This includes but is not limited to name or address changes, rate increases, license changes, etc. (refer to our Parent & Provider Handbook page 25.)



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<u>LICENSE-EXEMPT</u> CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION PACKET

If a parent chooses a provider who is a relative, a friend or who is not state licensed, they will ask the provider will need to complete a new License-Exempt Child Care Provider Information Packet.

Please discard any old forms or

packets. Call to request the updated versions or pick them up from the Child Care receptionist. You can call to request these and other Child Care forms through our information line at 558-2332. If one of our representatives is not available to answer your call, please leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible. The Child Care reception window is on the 2nd floor of the Family Services entrance.

STANISLAUS COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION RESOURCE AND REFERRAL HAS NEW PHONE NUMBER

(209) 238-6400



209-558-2332 USE THE CHILD CARE INFORMATION LINE FOR THESE POPULAR QUESTIONS!!

What's the status of my payment request? When will my provider get their check?

A Child Care representative can look up your record. This will give your case manager more time to process your payments.

Have you received my paperwork or fax?

Every piece of mail received in the Child Care unit is entered into your record. We can tell you what has been received and recorded.

Who is my case manager? What is their phone number? Can you take a message for them?

These questions are answered quickly, especially if you can give us your case number or Social Security number. We can also send forms, packets and pre-numbered family fee receipts directly to you.

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Provider Orientation Sessions

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The StanWORKs Child Care Program conducted information sessions for Licensed and License-Exempt child care providers on March 11. Two sessions were offered, one in the morning and one in early evening. Twenty three providers attended these sessions to learn more about our program through our informal presentation and through the many questions they asked. We hope those who haven't attended any of these sessions will be able to attend in the future, as we plan to conduct these sessions four times a year.

StanWORKs Child Care Statistics Monthly **Average** for July 07 – Dec '07

Number of Families Enrolled	1,495				
Number of Children Enrolled	2,748				
Number of Payment Requests	2,309				
Payments to Providers \$ 838,022					
Total Number of Providers Paid	726				
Licensed Providers	214				
License Exempt Providers	512				

CALL 2-1-1

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in our community. For example, 2-1-1 can offer access to the following types of services:

Basic Human Needs Resources

Physical and Mental Health Resources

➡>Employment Support

Support for Older Americans and Persons with Disabilities

Support for Children, Youth and Families

Questions & Answers

Do I have to make an appointment for my Child Care application interview?

No appointment is necessary for your application interview. The time to process each case varies but you will need to plan on at least 2 hours. The hours for intake interviews are 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As a child care provider, why do I receive a 1099 tax form instead of a W-2 form?

Child care providers are employed by the parent. Providers are independent contractors rather than employees of Stanislaus County and any provider who receives \$600 or more in StanWORKs Child Care reimbursement will have a 1099 mailed to them on January 31st.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE SKUNK A POEM ABOUT NATURE I stuck my head in a little skunk's hole. The little skunk said "Well, bless my soul. Take it out! Take it out! Remove it!"

Well, I didn't take it out and the little skunk said, "If you don't take it out, you'll wish you were dead.

> Take it out! Take it out!"

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