



CalWORKs CHILD CARE

The Alameda County Child Care Planning Council has developed this brief description of the CalWORKs Child Care system to assist organizations that serve families in Alameda County.

CalWORKs Child Care is a cooperative venture providing care for families via three "stages" of state and federal funding, three child care resource and referral agencies, eight child care alternative payments agencies, and hundreds of child care providers. The system works closely with Alameda County Social Services Agency.

Families are eligible for child care subsidies as soon as they register for CalWORKs and/or if they receive a CalWORKs cash grant. Families remain eligible for funding for up to two years after they no longer receive cash aid if they earn under 75% of the State median income. Limited subsidies are also available beyond the two years for eligible families. When parents enter Welfare to Work Employment Services, Social Services staff refer them to their geographical Child Care Resource Agency for individual assistance, and to Alternative Payment Programs which meets with parent and provider to develop the payment contract.

With CalWORKs you can receive child care assistance for your children from birth through 12 years of age. You can choose a child care center, a family child care home, family member, friend, or neighbor as your child care provider. It's important that you feel comfortable and choose a place where your children will be safe and happy.

How to Start Your Child Care Benefits:

Step 1:

Talk with your Employment Counselor, who will complete a child care request form with you. Or, call the CalWORKs Program Specialist at (510) 259-3867.



Step 2:

Call the appropriate Child Care Links office:

North County- Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont
(510) 568-0306

East County- Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton
(925) 417-8733

Step 3: Child Care Links writes up the child care agreement and both parent and provider sign it.

Note: If a friend or family member is your child care provider, that person must go with you to the child care appointment and show their identification and social security card.

For help in choosing a provider, call one of the following Resource and Referral Agencies:

Child Care Links (Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton)
(925) 417-8733

BANANAS (North County)
(510) 658-0381

4C's (South County)
(510) 584-3101



For more information, please call (925) 417-8733 or visit www.childcarelinks.org