

About Us

Child Development Associates (CDA) is a 501(c)(3) community-based nonprofit with over 210 employees dedicated to creating positive change. For over 45 years, CDA has been creating opportunities for families to thrive. We offer affordable and reliable child care services to eligible families and nutrition reimbursement to licensed family child care homes.

Our Programs

FY 2019-20 Numbers

- **Helping Families Afford Child Care Services.**

CDA is the fourth largest **Alternative Payment Program** in California. Funded by the California Department of Education, CDA provides subsidized child care services to eligible families with the provider of their choice. Child care providers are reimbursed on behalf of the family; providing families the financial support they need to reach self-sufficiency. This program currently reimburses over 2,653 child care providers, supporting 5,820 families and 10,850 children ages 0 to 12 years old.

- **Promoting Healthy Child Nutrition.**

CDA is the largest **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)** in California. Funded by the California Department of Education, CDA provides nutrition education and reimbursement to licensed family child care home providers for the nutritious meals they serve to the children in their care. This program currently supports 1,190 family child care providers serving over 5 million healthy meals annually to enable over 11,000 children to grow up healthy and develop nutritious eating habits for life.

- **Supporting San Diego during COVID-19.**

In response to COVID-19, CDA has been administering the **Emergency Child Care Voucher Assistance for Essential Workers and At-Risk Populations**, a state and locally funded program that has awarded over 940 child care vouchers to essential workers and at-risk populations. In addition, CDA has been administering the **San Diego COVID-19 Children's Fund** awarding over \$324,000 in micro-grants to low-income families, essential workers, and child care providers to cover the cost of emergency needs.

Our Marks

- ☑ Top Rated Nonprofit since 1974.
- ☑ County, State, and Federal Contract Experience.
- ☑ Robust Fiscal and Internal Compliance Controls.
- ☑ Sophisticated Financial Modeling Capabilities.
- ☑ Exceptional Quality Control Systems.
- ☑ External and Internal Annual Audits.
- ☑ Zero Percent Error Rate on 2019 State of California Review.
- ☑ Child Care Industry Expert for Digital Benefits Administration.
- ☑ Expertise in Marketing, Communications, and Paperless Processes.



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What is the APP?

The Alternative Payment Program (APP) provides subsidized child care services to thousands of families across San Diego County with the child care provider of their choice. The APP reimburses the provider on behalf of the parent for the child care; ensuring children have a reliable and safe place to be while their parents work, go to school, or seek employment.

Due to the large size of San Diego County, there are two APP administrators contracted by the California Department of Education: Child Development Associates (CDA) and YMCA Childcare Resource Service (CRS). YMCA CRS is also the Childcare Resource and Referral Agency for San Diego County.

APP Administrator Duties

CDA, as an APP administrator in San Diego County, has two primary functions:

1. Provide Case Management Services to Families.

- Eligibility review, enrollment, and recertification based on state regulations and procedures.
- Child care provider referrals to ensure families find the provider the best meets their family's needs.
- Caseload management and resources support to ensure families reach stability and self-sufficiency.

2. Provide Reimbursement to Child Care Providers.

- Provider eligibility review and enrollment based on state regulations and procedures.
- Caseload management to ensure provider's good standing.
- Attendance record tracking for payment.
- Review and calculation of attendance record based on provider rate sheet and state directed payment cap known as: Regional Market Rate Ceiling (RMRC).
- Monthly provider reimbursement on behalf of parent through direct deposit or check.

Extensive Experience

- Complex calculations required by County, State, and Federal Contracts.
- Analysis and Compliance of Program Law and Regulations.
- Data Collection and Reports.
- Electronic and Check Payments.
- Child Care Referral Process.
- Distribution and Communications List.
- Administration of Federal and State Tax Requirements Including W9 and 1099 Forms.
- Internal and External Audits.
- Customer Service and Support.

APP breaks the cycle of poverty!



Parents Earning

The APP supports families reach self-sufficiency. APP provides flexible child care services to accommodate non-traditional work schedules, resulting in stable employment.



Children Learning

Reliable child care is crucial not just for parents, but for children. Having a safe and consistent place to learn while their parents work ensures a healthy development and future success!



Communities Growing

The APP strengthens the economy. Reliable and affordable child care services ensure parents don't miss work due to access or cost of services. The APP also supports small-business child care providers.



Resources Hub

In addition to child care services, APPs serve as a community resource hub for critical services, especially during declared emergencies such as COVID-19.

APP Enrollment Process



1. Family Applies for Child Care Services



2. Family Completes Enrollment Appointment



3. Family Selects a Child Care Provider



4. Provider Enrolls into the Program

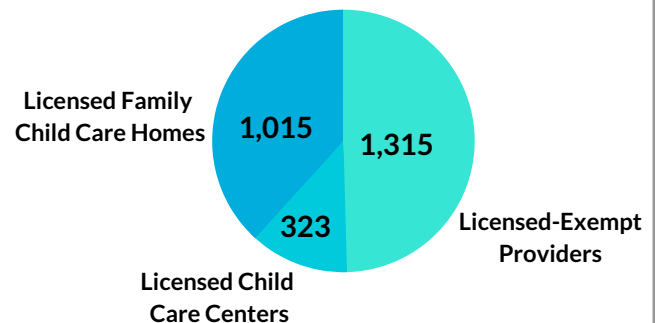


5. Child Care Services Begin



6. Provider is Reimbursed Monthly

CDA Provider Enrollment



Total: 2,653

Plus, an additional 700 providers outside of San Diego County who participate in our Nutrition Program.

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