

El Dorado County CARES Program
POLICY ISSUE: COURSE WORK CHANGES

Current Policy Approved by the El Dorado County Child Care and Development Planning Council on December 5, 2001:

Resolution: *Eligible*

A rewording of the CARES Program guidelines to include the language: “**Participant must demonstrate successful completion of 6 semester units of course work each year that provides progress on the Child Development Permit Matrix with a grade of C or better.**” This expanded definition of the successful course completion expectations for CARES Participants allows those who have made an attempt to enroll in course work to not be penalized; allows for time conflicts with school and work and other hardships.

Action by participant: They must contact their CARES Advisor immediately to convey the details of the course work change. The participant must be willing to make up the missed course work either by inter-session, summer session, or on the internet by the time contracts are signed at the next mandatory CARES meeting to receive their stipend check for that semester. For course work made up in subsequent semesters, the stipend check will be issued in the next cycle of check distribution upon demonstration of successful completion. Participants that fail to complete the required course work within the year will be terminated from the program.

Participants that never enrolled in course work and refuse to make up the courses will be required to repay the initial \$150.00 “good faith” stipend reward.