



# CARES

## Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards

### El Dorado County Early Care and Education Planning Council

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The CARES Program is funded by First 5 CA, First 5 El Dorado, and the State Department of Education.

### Program Requirements

1. Provide early care and education services for pay at least 15 hours per week to children 0-5 or work directly in a State Subsidized center-based program in El Dorado County.
2. Maintain continuous employment in the same early care and education program in El Dorado County nine months out of the program year. The program year begins August 1, 2007 and ends June 30, 2008.
3. Complete a total of 6 semester/9quarter units during the program year with a grade of "C" or better.
4. Participants who have completed 12 ECE units (Associate Teacher Permit level) can take a maximum of 3 semester/5 quarter units of college level Prerequisite courses for degree applicable GE courses and ESL courses per program year.
  - ❖ Participants who have completed 12 ECE units (Associate Teacher Permit level) must meet with an Academic Advisor at the college by the end of the program year.
5. Participants must complete and submit a Harms/Clifford Self Evaluation Plan by the end of the program year.
6. Apply for a Child Development Permit.

#### Stipend Levels

At time of application	0-6 ECE units	\$900 per program year
At time of application	More than 6 ECE units <b>AND</b> proof of Child Development Permit application	\$1800 per program year
At time of application	AA degree <b>OR</b> Teacher Level Permit <b>AND</b> enrolled in BA program*	\$2100 per program year

**\*Note:** BA program must be related to Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Child Development (CD)

**\*\*Providers currently participating in the CARES program must reapply.**

### Application Process

1. Complete the **Provider Application** both Part 1 **AND** Part 2. Complete only the Part 2 section of the application that applies to your early care employment setting (i.e. Center Based, Family Child Care, or Community Care Provider).
2. The **Provider Employment Declaration Form** must be **completed by your employer** if you are a center based provider, family home care employee, or a license exempt provider in a center setting. Providers that are self-employed must complete and sign their own Employment Declaration Form.
3. If you have completed college coursework, **your transcripts must be included with your application.** The copy may be unofficial or printed from the internet.
4. All participants must have a **fingerprint clearance.**
5. Family home care providers must include a copy of their **Family Care License.**
6. Attach a copy of your **child development permit** (if applicable) or a copy of proof of permit application.

Application materials must be submitted to the El Dorado County Early Care and Education Planning Council no later than **June 19, 2007 by 5:00pm**

**El Dorado County Early Care and Education Planning Council**  
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Placerville, CA 95667

If you have any questions or need assistance completing your application, please call Julie Irwin at 530.295.2327 or Elizabeth Blakemore at 530.295.2312