Eligibility Requirements for All Applicants

- Do you want to join Sacramento CARES?
- Are you 18 years or older?
- Do you work directly with children age 12 or younger in child care?
- Do you work 15 or more hours per week?
- Do you work in Sacramento County?
- Do you earn less than $60,000 per year?

If you answered yes to all of the above, you may qualify to join Sacramento CARES. (Other employment requirements apply.)

We are ready to support you in achieving your goals. If you are interested in more information or have questions, please contact us at (916) 369–0191.

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Do you work in Early Education?

You can receive a stipend for College Units or Professional Growth Hours.
Sacramento CARES Program

The Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES) is a program designed to support early care professionals to continue their education and professional development.

The goal of the CARES program is to build a skilled and stable workforce and to provide high quality child care programs for children. The program encourages retention by providing support and monetary stipends to participants who have made a commitment with continuing their education and professional goals.

Program Features:

- Stipends that range from $500 – $5,000
- Professional Growth Advising
- Permit Application Assistance
- Transfer Support to CSUS
- Individual meetings with participants
- Information on Community Resources

Steps to Receiving a CARES Stipend

1. Attend an Orientation and fill out an Application
2. Complete Units or Professional Growth (training) Hours*
3. Submit Documentation - proof of program eligibility and professional growth activities (units or training hours)**
4. Receive Stipend!

* Applicants must meet their track’s minimum professional development requirements in the calendar year (January - December).

** Documentation is due in mid-February, submitting proof of the previous year’s professional development and eligibility requirements.

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"The single most important factor in providing quality child care is consistent, well-trained and well-compensated early care professionals - Marcy Whitebook"