

**Status Report on the Implementation
of
County Centralized Eligibility Lists**



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Purpose

Pursuant to the 2009 Budget Act (Item 6110-196-0001, Provision 11, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2009), the California Department of Education (CDE) is submitting the following status report on the implementation of the Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) in each county. In accordance with the provisions of the Budget Act, this report will include but not be limited to, the cost of implementation, operation, and number of children and families on the list for each county.

Centralized Eligibility List Data

Each county CEL is required to collect and report data to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI). This report provides data reported on June 30, 2010, and only includes actively waiting children and families who are income eligible for subsidized child care and development services pursuant to California *Education Code (EC)*, Section 8263.1, unless otherwise noted.

Number of Families and Children Waiting on Centralized Eligibility Lists

The CEL data indicates there were 187,516 children and 131,885 families waiting on the CEL on June 30, 2010, compared to 194,460 children and 134,880 families on June 30, 2009.

	Number of Families Waiting on the CEL	Number of Children Waiting on the CEL	State Unadjusted Unemployment Rate ³
June 30, 2009 ¹	134,880	194,460	11.6%
June 30, 2010 ²	131,885	187,516	12.3%

¹CDE 2009 Status Report on the Implementation of County Centralized Eligibility Lists document at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/documents/cellegrpt09.doc>
² Appendix B and Appendix E of this report for specific 2010 information
³ State of California Employment Development Department News Release, July 16, 2010, at http://www.edd.ca.gov/About_EDD/pdf/urate201007.pdf (Outside Source)

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The data does not point to one specific reason for the slight decrease in the number of children and families waiting on the CEL. The chart below lists the reasons families gave in June 2010, for needing care.

Characteristics of Families Waiting on Centralized Eligibility Lists

Of the 131,885 families waiting for care, the reported reason for needing subsidized child care services is as follows:

Reason for Needing Care	Number of Active Families	Percent
Working	100,438	76%
Actively seeking employment	38,578	29%
Education or training	23,214	18%
Seeking permanent housing	2,370	2%
Incapacitated	3,416	3%
Looking for part-day educational preschool program	31,926	24%
Child protective services	987	1%
Note: Families could have indicated more than one reason for needing care; therefore, percentages listed on this table do not add up to 100 percent. See Appendix B for specific county information.		

As in 2009, the two major reasons waiting families in 2010 cite for needing services is either because they were working (76 percent) or actively seeking employment (29 percent).

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In 2010, the number of families who reported they were working is slightly lower than the number of families reported at the same point in time last year as shown in the following table.

Comparison of Data from 2009 and 2010 Status Reports			
Reason for Needing Care	Number of Active Families at June 30, 2009¹	Number of Active Families at June 30, 2010²	Difference
Working	104,537	100,438	-4,099
Actively seeking employment	37,884	38,578	+694
¹ See Appendix B of the CDE 2009 Status Report on the Implementation of County Centralized Eligibility Lists document at http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/documents/cellegrpt09.doc for specific information. ² See Appendix B of this report for specific information.			

According to the California Employment Development Department's July 16, 2010 news release found at http://www.edd.ca.gov/About_EDD/pdf/urate201007.pdf (Outside Source), there were 132,000 more people unemployed in California in June 2010, as compared to June 2009. This could explain the slight drop in the number of families that reported needing child care and development services. The increase in unemployment could also explain the increase of 694 families who reported they were actively seeking employment in 2010, as compared to 2009. One could expect that as California's economy improves, there will be an increase in the number of families that need child care and development services because they are working.

Characteristics of Children Who Are Waiting on Centralized Eligibility Lists

In order to be consistent with the implementation of the new California State Preschool Program (CSPP) created by Assembly Bill 2759, Chapter 308, Statutes of 2008, this year's status report disaggregates the number of children actively waiting according to updated age groupings. As a result of the CSPP, five center-based contracts that previously served three- and four-year-old children were consolidated into one contract. In order to account for programmatic changes brought about by the implementation of the new CSPP, this report displays the following age groups:

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- Zero to three years of age
- Three to five years of age
- Five years of age or older

Of the 187,516 children waiting, the age groups of children are as follows:

Age Group	Number of Active Children	Percent
Zero to three years of age	60,180	32%
Three to five years of age	64,239	34%
Five years of age or older	63,097	34%
Note: Age was calculated as of June 30, 2010. See Appendix D for specific information.		

A total of 124,419 (66 percent) of children waiting for subsidized childcare and development services are between the ages of zero to five.

Of the 187,516 children waiting, the reported time-base for care is as follows:

Time Base Needed	Number of Active Children	Percent
Full-time care	133,841	71%
Part-time care	86,020	46%
Evening care	9,102	5%
Weekend care	6,430	3%
Note: Families could have indicated more than one time-base for needing care; therefore, percentages listed on this table do not add up to 100 percent. See Appendix E for specific information.		

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Of the 187,516 children waiting for services, the reported number of children with exceptional needs and number of children in foster care or in the care of an adult who is neither their biological or adoptive parent is as follows:

Characteristics	Number of Active Children	Percent
Exceptional needs with either an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) or an Individualized Educational Program (IEP)	3,385	2%
Foster children or in the care of an adult who is neither their biological or adoptive parent	3,514	2%
See Appendix E for specific information.		

Inactive Data Records

In addition to showing that 187,516 children were actively waiting on the CEL as of June 30, 2010, the CEL data also indicates that 86,815 child data records were inactivated between April 1, 2010, and June 30, 2010. Of the inactivated data records:

- 16,720 (19 percent) were inactivated because they were enrolled in subsidized care.
- 70,095 (81 percent) were inactivated either because they could not be reached (i.e., contact information had changed, and the family did not report updated contact information), they no longer needed care, or their information was no longer valid.

See Appendix F for specific information.

Funding

The Budget Act of 2009 allocated \$7.9 million for the statewide implementation of the CEL. This amount has remained unchanged since July 2005, the inception of this program.

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Cost of Implementation/Operation

CEL contractors are required to submit fiscal reports to the Child Development Fiscal Services Division. Based on these unaudited amounts, a total of \$7,663,798, as of September 30, 2010, was reported in expenditures for 2009–10.

Please see Appendix A for more information.

Report Availability

You can find this report at the CDE Centralized Eligibility List Legislative Reports Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ci/celreports.asp>. If you need a copy of this report, please contact Marguerite Ries, Education Administrator, Early Education and Support Division, by phone at 916-445-7349 or by e-mail at mrries@cde.ca.gov.

Appendix A	
Centralized Eligibility List Expenditures for 2009–10*	
County	Expenditures
Alameda	\$324,313
Alpine	\$2,627
Amador	\$7,408
Butte	\$67,883
Calaveras	\$10,566
Colusa	\$17,004
Contra Costa	\$192,814
Del Norte	\$10,009
El Dorado	\$45,143
Fresno	\$325,109
Glenn	\$22,009
Humboldt	\$44,895
Imperial	\$71,622
Inyo	\$7,181
Kern	\$353,841
Kings	\$63,215
Lake	\$31,371
Lassen	\$7,860
Los Angeles	\$507,308
Madera	\$71,869
Marin	\$43,550
Mariposa	\$4,306
Mendocino	\$35,394
Merced	\$132,725
Modoc	\$4,646
Mono	\$7,826
Monterey	\$192,079
Napa	\$42,000
Nevada	\$36,172
Orange	\$500,000
Placer	\$52,910

Appendix A (Continued)	
Centralized Eligibility List Expenditures for 2009–10*	
County	Expenditures
Plumas	\$6,996
Riverside	\$500,349
Sacramento	\$380,454
San Benito	\$28,000
San Bernardino	\$499,998
San Diego	\$468,796
San Francisco	\$197,242
San Joaquin	\$264,244
San Luis Obispo	\$73,016
San Mateo	\$162,872
Santa Barbara	\$159,823
Santa Clara	\$402,619
Santa Cruz	\$82,267
Shasta	\$72,300
Sierra	\$3,162
Siskiyou	\$13,259
Solano	\$95,948
Sonoma	\$159,717
Stanislaus	\$188,686
Sutter	\$52,731
Tehama	\$25,016
Trinity	\$7,138
Tulare	\$215,669
Tuolumne	\$17,367
Ventura	\$294,315
Yolo	\$56,159
Yuba	\$30,398
Totals	\$7,663,798
*Source: Fiscal reports submitted to Child Development Fiscal Services. Unaudited amounts as of September 30, 2010.	

Appendix B
Families Waiting and Reasons for Needing Care
Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) Data for Quarter 2, 2010 (April 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010)

County	Family Count	Reason Categories						
		Child Protective Services	Working	Education or Training	Seeking Employment	Incapacitated	Seeking Housing	Part-Day Preschool
Alameda	5,324	9	3,670	1,080	1,481	117	110	1,161
Alpine	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Amador	33	0	28	0	8	3	0	17
Butte	975	27	604	247	360	21	4	168
Calaveras	4	0	3	0	2	0	0	3
Colusa	17	0	13	0	12	1	0	16
Contra Costa	1,914	7	1,538	327	643	80	33	921
Del Norte	79	1	55	19	18	4	3	37
El Dorado	449	3	336	62	149	19	0	13
Fresno	1,808	8	1,460	349	522	55	1	203
Glenn	255	1	196	36	69	5	3	129
Humboldt	591	1	467	105	162	32	23	203
Imperial	955	1	734	180	134	14	7	401
Inyo	10	1	7	1	3	0	0	0
Kern	3,933	0	2,732	786	897	71	10	697
Kings	1,130	6	928	229	282	17	28	490
Lake	131	2	100	20	39	9	0	26
Lassen	57	0	52	11	15	1	0	0
Los Angeles	20,608	249	16,549	3,988	4,860	513	307	3,046
Madera	514	1	375	75	153	7	2	73
Marin	604	11	493	66	252	14	10	396
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	248	2	206	37	53	8	0	42
Merced	697	1	577	150	236	40	12	360
Modoc	16	0	10	0	3	0	0	4
Mono	22	0	21	0	1	0	0	12
Monterey	1,447	1	1,169	168	424	26	39	177
Napa	830	26	697	139	249	19	53	18
Nevada	184	3	125	45	81	8	6	58
Orange	8,276	114	6,887	1,355	2,716	72	38	1,609
Placer	749	4	451	150	143	8	15	261
Plumas	8	0	5	1	3	2	0	0
Riverside	11,168	9	8,178	1,450	4,209	190	122	2,178
Sacramento	3,077	24	2,227	740	1,029	94	28	1,307
San Benito	541	9	425	82	190	10	14	167
San Bernardino	10,923	102	8,018	2,021	2,033	182	198	3,897
San Diego	6,682	58	4,425	1,371	2,138	104	690	2,688
San Francisco	3,546	23	2,603	916	1,670	206	205	176
San Joaquin	3,996	37	2,617	784	1,122	115	46	1,760
San Luis Obispo	434	7	393	64	105	12	2	2
San Mateo	4,322	18	3,483	344	1,105	69	41	811
Santa Barbara	2,179	22	1,838	366	628	116	23	631
Santa Clara	13,841	49	11,070	2,247	4,639	458	52	1,741
Santa Cruz	769	0	689	40	213	19	5	36
Shasta	381	2	309	82	122	26	0	5
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	27	0	24	6	5	0	0	0
Solano	1,888	0	1,393	342	713	61	20	706
Sonoma	2,331	98	1,783	327	1,076	126	40	578
Stanislaus	3,784	22	2,702	612	999	165	47	2,406
Sutter	405	2	329	80	136	6	0	85
Tehama	196	0	141	17	38	7	0	44
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	5,302	18	4,102	815	1,414	191	29	1,283
Tuolumne	65	0	58	17	19	2	0	12
Ventura	2,918	7	2,341	610	707	76	93	518
Yolo	941	1	573	179	200	12	10	288
Yuba	299	0	227	75	118	3	1	66
	131,885	987	100,438	23,214	38,578	3,416	2,370	31,926
Percent of Total Families		1%	76%	18%	29%	3%	2%	24%

Source: California Department of Education, Child Development Centralized Eligibility List System (CDELS)

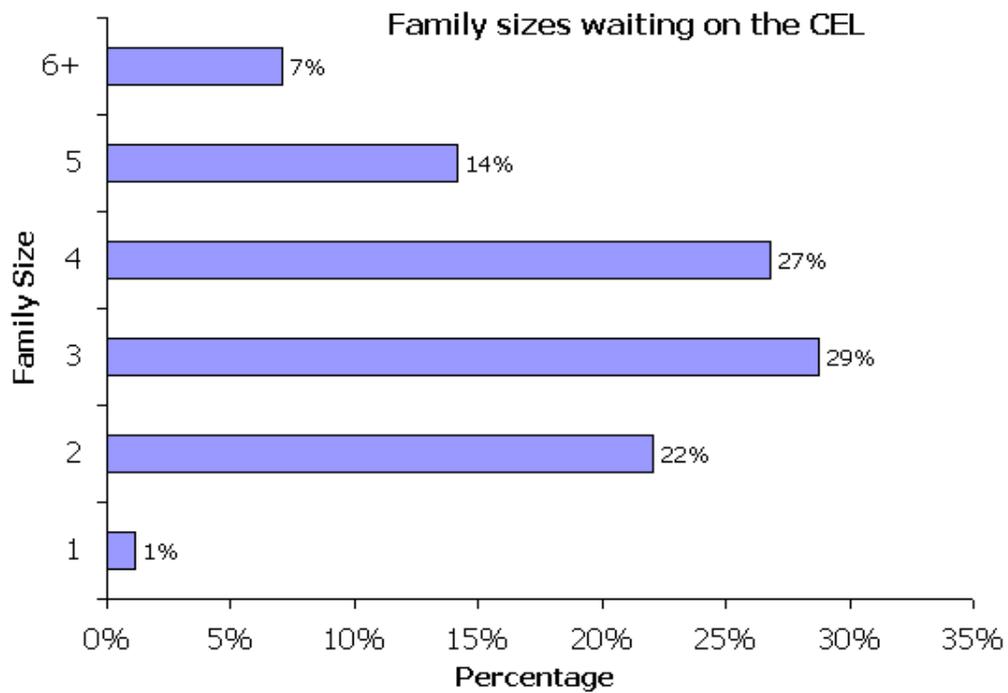
Data reflects active *family* records at June 30, 2010, and income eligible for subsidized child care services (Income Rankings Chart Fiscal Year 2007). Counts were unduplicated by category, county, and family identifier. (Families could have indicated more than one reason for needing care.)

Appendix C

Families on County Centralized Eligibility Lists, by Family Size

Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) Data for Quarter 2, 2010 (April 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010)

Family Size	Count	Percent
1	1,477	1%
2	29,054	22%
3	37,954	29%
4	35,336	27%
5	18,703	14%
6+	9,361	7%



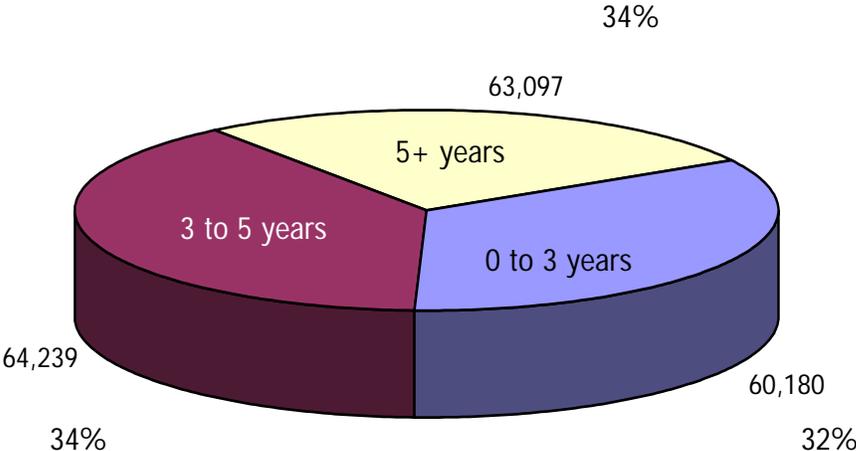
Source: California Department of Education, Child Development Centralized Eligibility List System (CDCELS).

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Appendix D
Ages of Children of County Centralized Eligibility Lists
Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) Data for Quarter 2, 2010 (April 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010)

Age Groupings	Count	Percent
0 TO 3 Years	60,180	32%
3 TO 5 Years	64,239	34%
5+ Years	63,097	34%

Children Waiting on the CEL, by Age Groupings



Source: California Department of Education, Child Development Centralized Eligibility List System
Data reflects active **child** records at June 30, 2010, and income eligible for subsidized child care services (Income Rankings Chart Fiscal Year 2007). Counts were unduplicated by county and child identifier. Age was calculated as of June 30, 2010.

Appendix E
Children Waiting and Time Needed
Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) Data for Quarter 2, 2010 (April 1, 2010 - June 30, 2010)

County	Child Count	Categories					
		Child has IFSP or IEP	Child is Foster or Guardian Child	Child Needs Full Time Care	Child Needs Part Time Care	Child Needs Evening Care	Child Needs Weekend Care
Alameda	6,874	58	68	4,992	3,167	349	234
Alpine	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Amador	44	6	5	15	34	2	2
Butte	1,449	41	73	1,010	1,074	12	13
Calaveras	5	1	0	4	3	0	0
Colusa	27	0	0	16	16	0	4
Contra Costa	2,523	110	89	1,564	1,628	125	96
Del Norte	105	3	2	34	83	9	9
El Dorado	675	2	9	514	162	4	7
Fresno	2,909	33	78	2,323	852	316	289
Glenn	319	19	8	203	142	6	4
Humboldt	896	22	30	424	630	70	77
Imperial	1,303	4	41	773	674	99	64
Inyo	17	0	2	8	9	2	0
Kern	6,233	43	174	4,532	2,902	390	316
Kings	1,875	29	23	1,264	583	106	86
Lake	193	5	3	132	85	24	14
Lassen	97	10	0	70	58	0	0
Los Angeles	29,562	350	606	24,699	8,702	988	929
Madera	877	5	9	693	292	0	0
Marin	791	61	15	483	521	73	24
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	382	5	12	224	200	35	37
Merced	955	18	23	639	445	64	30
Modoc	16	0	0	2	14	0	0
Mono	24	0	0	4	20	0	0
Monterey	2,229	6	11	1,506	840	50	50
Napa	1,109	17	23	928	287	55	57
Nevada	270	9	11	110	201	27	29
Orange	11,295	234	186	6,418	7,605	347	223
Placer	1,002	21	6	642	572	92	50
Plumas	14	1	1	5	9	1	0
Riverside	15,445	15	200	10,349	10,065	414	325
Sacramento	4,310	192	216	2,452	3,072	277	223
San Benito	889	11	14	607	325	48	27
San Bernardino	16,670	338	499	11,976	6,158	1,246	738
San Diego	9,852	450	261	7,850	4,209	1,870	1,196
San Francisco	4,316	152	19	3,992	324	127	96
San Joaquin	5,274	163	123	2,789	3,137	254	222
San Luis Obispo	646	8	21	372	414	32	71
San Mateo	5,690	25	24	4,175	2,646	379	220
Santa Barbara	3,216	17	34	2,280	1,395	80	9
Santa Clara	18,694	216	118	12,688	9,119	399	178
Santa Cruz	1,252	0	6	881	439	0	1
Shasta	536	9	23	420	301	60	59
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	42	0	0	35	4	3	3
Solano	2,920	77	72	1,817	1,970	187	125
Sonoma	3,053	118	37	2,058	994	28	10
Stanislaus	5,098	125	87	2,604	3,362	49	18
Sutter	564	9	11	336	331	14	14
Tehama	308	2	2	224	155	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	8,238	239	136	6,569	3,670	21	7
Tuolumne	104	8	1	60	69	9	13
Ventura	4,853	86	73	4,108	1,028	307	197
Yolo	1,222	7	18	723	732	33	19
Yuba	451	5	11	242	291	19	15
	187,516	3,385	3,514	133,841	86,020	9,102	6,430
Percent of Total Children		2%	2%	71%	46%	5%	3%

Source: California Department of Education, Child Development Centralized Eligibility List System (CDELS)
Data reflects active *child* records at June 30, 2010, and income eligible for subsidized child care services (Income Rankings Chart Fiscal Year 2007; updated ceilings) Counts were unduplicated by category, county, and child identifier. (Families could have indicated more than one time base need for care.)

**Appendix F
Child CEL Active Waiting Status**

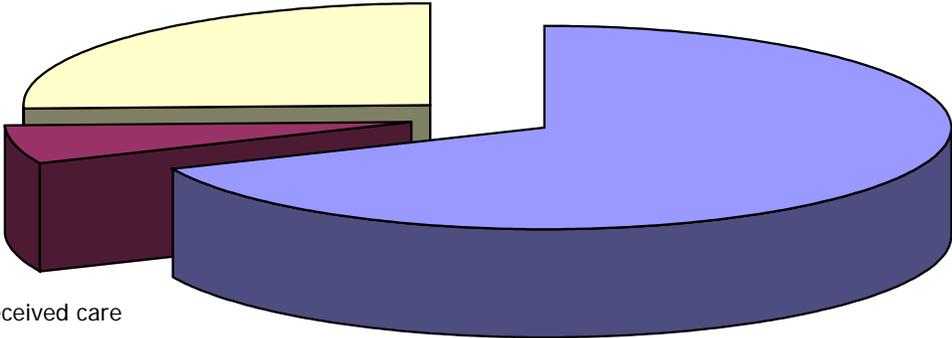
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Status	Count	Percent
Active	187,516	68%
Inactive	86,815	32%

If no longer active, was child enrolled in a Child Development

Status	Enrolled	Count	Percent
Inactive	No	70,095	81%
Inactive	Yes	16,720	19%

No longer waiting; no care (26%)



No longer waiting; received care (6%)

Still waiting (68%)

Source: California Department of Education, Child Development Centralized Eligibility List System

Data includes all active, inactive, terminated, and enrolled *child* records for Quarter 2, 2010 and income eligible for subsidized child care services (Income Rankings Chart Fiscal Year 2007) Counts were unduplicated by county and child identifier.