

Participating Programs in the CEL

State-Funded Preschool At Pickleweed

Children's Center
P.O BOX 151560
San Rafael, CA 94915
(415) 485-3386

**Community Action Marin
Administration:**

251 North San Pedro Road
San Rafael, CA 94903
(415)472-1663

Fairfax San Anselmo Children's Center

199 Porteous Ave Fairfax, CA 94930
(415) 454-1811

**Marin Child Care Council
Alternative Payment Program**

555 Northgate Drive Suite 105
San Rafael, CA 94903
(415) 491-5782

North Bay Children's Center

932 C Street
Novato, CA 94949
(415) 883-6222

Novato Youth Center

680 Wilson Ave
Novato, CA 94947
(415) 892-1643

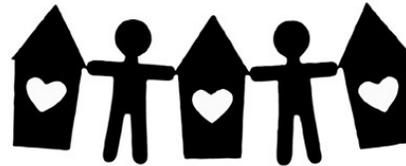
**Other Programs That May
Access the CEL**

**College of Marin
Indian Valley Campus**

1800 Ignacio Blvd
Novato, CA 94949

Kentfield Campus
835 College Ave
Kentfield, CA 94904
(415) 457-8811

Marin Child Care Council



Marin Child Care Council

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San Rafael, CA 94903

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Do You Need Help Paying For Child Care?



CENTRALIZED ELIGIBILITY LIST

*A faster, more efficient way to find subsidized
child care openings in Marin County*

What is the CEL?

The Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) gives families access to many subsidized child care programs through a single application. All agencies operating subsidized early care and education programs in Marin County use the list to enroll families to their programs.

What is Subsidized Child Care?

Subsidized means “paid for” or “financially supported”. In this case the California Department of Education contracts with local agencies to help income eligible families pay for child care, depending on the families need.

How Do I Know If I Am Eligible for Subsidized Child Care?

First, you have to meet income limits based on your family’s size (see table). The California Department of Education, Child Development Division, establishes a ranking scale based on income and family size. Second, you must have a need for child care, such as: employment, school or training, an incapacity that makes you unable to care for your child for part of the day, or a referral from Child Protective Services (CPS) that child care is a necessary component of the CPS plan.

Qualifying Family Size and Income Level

Family Size					
	1-2	3	4	5	6
Up to	\$3283	\$3518	\$3908	\$4534	\$5159

*Amounts are based on total gross monthly income, before taxes and deductions

What Information Do I Need to Provide?

If selected, you must provide documentation verifying all of your income sources (including salary, self employment, child support, cash assistance) as well as proof of immunization for each child needing care.

How Long is the Wait?

The wait varies. Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to give you an approximate time. Referrals are only made when funding becomes available or when there is an opening in a subsidized child care program. Referrals start with the lowest income, then continue until the funding runs out or the space becomes filled. Placement on the eligibility list is not a guarantee of services.

When Will I Be Contacted From the CEL?

You will only be contacted when you are being considered for an available slot or when we ask you to update your information. Every six months you will receive a letter from the CEL administrator (Marin Child Care Council) asking you to update your information so you can stay on the CEL.

If you do not reply to a request for an update, your family will be removed from the list, and you will no longer be considered for subsidized child care through the CEL.

Do Programs Outside the CEL Offer Subsidized Child Care?

Yes, while most programs that receive funding from the California Department of Education are required to participate in the CEL, some are not. Programs on college campuses (College of Marin), as well as Head Start programs keep their own lists for enrollment. Some centers provide some scholarships, and may keep waiting lists. There is also child care assistance for parents participating in CalWORKS Welfare-to-Work and some other programs.

For information about programs outside the CEL, to find a child care provider or for general information about quality child care, call a Resource & Referral Counselor at Marin Child Care Council: 415.479.2273.

How Do I Apply?

To apply, you will need to submit an application either online (by visiting www.mc3.org), by requesting a paper application from MC3 (415.472.1092), or by contacting any of the participating agencies. For a complete list of participating agencies and their contact information, please see the reverse side of this page.