

CCEP helping working families

The Child Care Executive Partnership (CCEP) is an innovative, public/private partnership program that helps employers meet the needs of a growing segment of their work force—working parents.

As a parent, you already know the challenges of caring for your family and managing a career. These demands put a big strain on family life, and often, a big strain in the workplace. Being late or taking time off from work because of child care issues puts parents in a difficult position with employers. Business owners need a reliable work force, parents need reliable child care, and both need each other.

Fortunately there are solutions that serve both families and business owners. The CCEP program enables communities to

expand child care funding for low to moderate wage earners and helps employers increase their profitability by stabilizing their own work force.

At the state level, the CCEP is administratively assigned to the Agency for Workforce Innovation. Funding is authorized by the Legislature through the Partnership for School Readiness. The CCEP is governed by a board of nine members of the corporate or child care community appointed by the Governor and a representative of the Executive Office of the Governor.

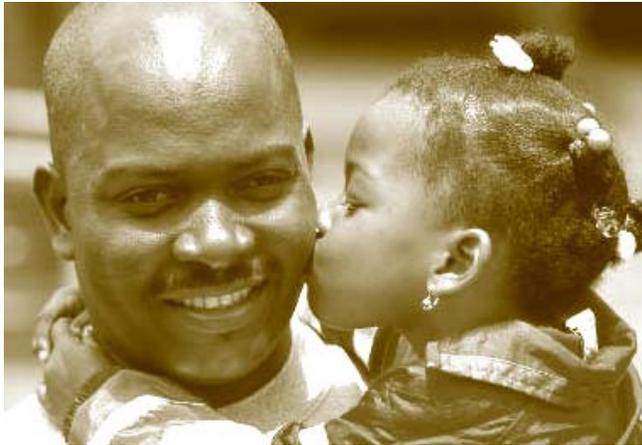


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What is the biggest challenge for a *working* parent?

- Keeping a good job
- Arriving to work on time
- Staying focused at work
- Finding affordable, quality child care



You might be surprised at the answer

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How does it work?

Funding for the CCEP program is provided through federal and state sources. These dollars are “matched” with funding from local governments, businesses, and charitable foundations, on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Parents pay a portion of their child care costs first (usually on a sliding fee scale based on family income). CCEP and the employer each pay 50 percent of the remaining balance.

Funds contributed through employers are earmarked for their eligible employees. Other funds contributed in a local community to the child care purchasing pool will help families on local child care waiting lists who qualify for child care assistance. These charitable donations are managed by local school readiness coalitions through child care resource and referral agencies.

How can I participate?

Assess your eligibility. Low to moderate wage earning families, at or below 200 percent of poverty, qualify for the program. For example, a family of four may earn up to \$36,200 annually and still be eligible to participate.

Once eligibility is established, parents can participate two ways:

- One way is with your employer. In fact, your employer may already offer the program. Ask your manager or human resource department for information.

- Contact your local child care resource and referral agency. These agencies usually manage contributions for the program through their local school readiness coalitions to help families pay for child care.

How can I learn more?

To participate or learn more about the program, contact the statewide Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Network at 1-888-FLCHILD to be directed to your local CCR&R agency or school readiness coalition.

For a list of statewide readiness coalitions, you may visit www.schoolreadiness.org. Or for additional information about the CCEP program, visit www.ccep.bz.

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A relationship between individuals or groups that is characterized by mutual cooperation and responsibility, as for the achievement of a specified goal.

