

# California Child Care Study

## Information for Families

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### What is the California Child Care Study?

The purpose of the study is to learn more about child care that is paid for partly by the government, and the families who use it. Information from the study can help the government make choices about helping families with child care. It can also help the government make services for families better.

The study is being done by Child Trends and its partners, IMPAQ International and Brian Fitzgerald RPE-DVBE. The study is for the California Department of Social Services and the California Department of Education.

### Who will be in the study?

Families will be chosen from across California. Families who use any type of child care paid for by the government may be included.

### What will family members be asked to do?

Family members will be asked about using child care paid for by the government. They will be asked about their background. They will be asked how much they pay for child care and what kind they use. They will also be asked how long they have been getting help from the government. The survey will take about 30 minutes.

The surveys will be done over the phone in English, Spanish, and other languages. People may also take the survey online.

### What will happen to people's information?

All information that is collected in the surveys will be kept private. It will only be used for the study. Child Trends will remove any personal information to keep each family's identity private. The government will then use the information to make choices about child care.

### When will the research take place?

We will start interviewing families in spring 2018 and will be done in fall 2018.

### How can I participate?

If your family is chosen, someone will call you to tell you more about the study and to answer your questions. You can choose to participate or not.

### What will I get for taking the survey?

We will thank families who complete the survey by giving them a \$25 gift card.

### What if I have questions?

We're happy to answer them! Please contact the study team at [CCCS@childtrends.org](mailto:CCCS@childtrends.org) or at 1-833-823-9249. You can also read more about this study on Child Trends' website, at <https://www.childtrends.org/project/california-child-care-study/>.