

California Child Care Study

Project Overview

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What is the California Child Care Study?

The purpose of the study is to learn more about child care paid by the government and the families who use it. Information from the study can help the government make choices about child care programs. 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 chose the study questions?

The questions were chosen by an expert group. The group included people involved with child care programs. It also included people from the California Department of Social Services and the California Department of Education.

Which child care programs will be included?

Programs that get money from the California Department of Social Services and the California Department of Education will be included. The study will not include Head Start and First 5 programs.

Who will be in the study?

The study will include people from across California. It will include local agencies that help families get child care assistance. The study will also include child care programs. It will include families whose child care is paid for by the government.

What will participants be asked to do?

Agencies will be asked questions about programs that provide child care. They will be asked about families who use child care paid for by the government. People who provide child care and families will be asked to take a survey.

People can choose to participate or not. People who take the survey will answer questions about using child care. They will be asked about their background. They will be asked how much families pay for child care and what kind they use. They will also be asked how long they have been getting help from the government.

When will the research take place?

We will get information from local agencies from spring 2018 until fall 2018. We will get information from child care programs and families from summer 2018 until fall 2018.

What will happen to the information that is collected?

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

What if I have questions?

We're happy to answer them! Please contact the study team at 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/>.