

# California Child Care Study

## Information for Providers

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### What is the California Child Care Study?

The purpose of the study is to learn more about subsidized child care, meaning child care paid for in part by the state, and the families who use it. Information from the study can inform future policies. It can also be used to improve child care subsidy services.

The study is being conducted 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.

### Which child care providers will participate in the study?

We will select a group of providers who serve families using subsidized child care, and ask them to participate in the study. Providers will be randomly chosen based on location and population characteristics (i.e., income, ethnicity, agricultural community) to ensure the selected group is representative of the entire state. Different types of child care providers will be asked to participate.

### What will providers be asked to do?

Selected providers will be asked to participate in an online survey. The survey will not take more than 30 minutes to complete. Providers can also choose to complete the survey over the telephone or complete a paper version. The survey will be available in English, Spanish, and other languages.

### What kind of information will be collected?

The child care provider survey will include questions about the program (size, teacher-child ratio, hours of operation), provider and staff background (gender, language[s] spoken, education level, professional development), and some characteristics of program practices (for example, use of developmental screenings).

### What will happen to the information that is collected?

All information gathered will be kept private, and Child Trends will remove any personal information from the final data. It will be used for research purposes only. The California Department of Social Services and the California Department of Education will use the data to guide future policy decisions about subsidized child care programs.

### When will the research take place?

Data collection for the child care provider survey will start in summer 2018 and will be complete in fall 2018.

### How can we participate?

Staff at IMPAQ International will notify you by email and telephone if you have been randomly chosen to participate in the study. Participation is voluntary.

### What will we receive for participating in the study?

We will thank providers by giving them a \$40 gift card.

### What if we 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/>.