

California Child Care Study

Presentation to California Child Care Organizations

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Welcome!



Overview of presentation

- **California Child Care Study background and purpose**
 - Carlise King, Senior Scientist, Child Trends
- **Agency, provider, and family data collection process**
 - Kate Welti, Research Scientist, Child Trends
- **Resources and next steps**
 - Carlise King, Senior Scientist, Child Trends
- **Questions and discussion**
 - *State representatives available:*
 - Jeremy Heebner, CalWORKs Child Care Programs Bureau, California Department of Social Services
 - Channa Hewawickrama, Early Education and Support Division, California Department of Education
 - IMPAQ International
 - Ann Middleton, Research Associate

What is the background for the California Child Care Study?

A partnership between California state departments

- Funded by California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- Conceived in partnership with California Department of Education (CDE)
- CDSS and CDE...
 1. Oversee the contract with Child Trends
 2. Promote the value of the study
 3. Serve as key decision makers



Who was consulted on the study design?

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is a workgroup composed of representatives from the following agencies:

- The CA Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- The CA Department of Education (CDE)
- The County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA)
- The CA Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCR&R)
- County and Alternative Payment Provider Agencies
- Title 5 Early Education and Support Division administered programs

What is Child Trends?

Child Trends is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research center that improves the lives and prospects of children and youth by **conducting high-quality research** and **sharing the resulting knowledge** with practitioners and policymakers.

- Lead study design, data collection, and analysis
- Supervise agency, provider, and family data collection
- Develop final report and communicate findings

Who else works on the study?

Subcontractors:

- IMPAQ International
 - Evaluation, research, data management
 - Supports agency and provider data collection
- Brian Fitzgerald, Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise
 - Project and program management consulting
 - Conduct family interviews



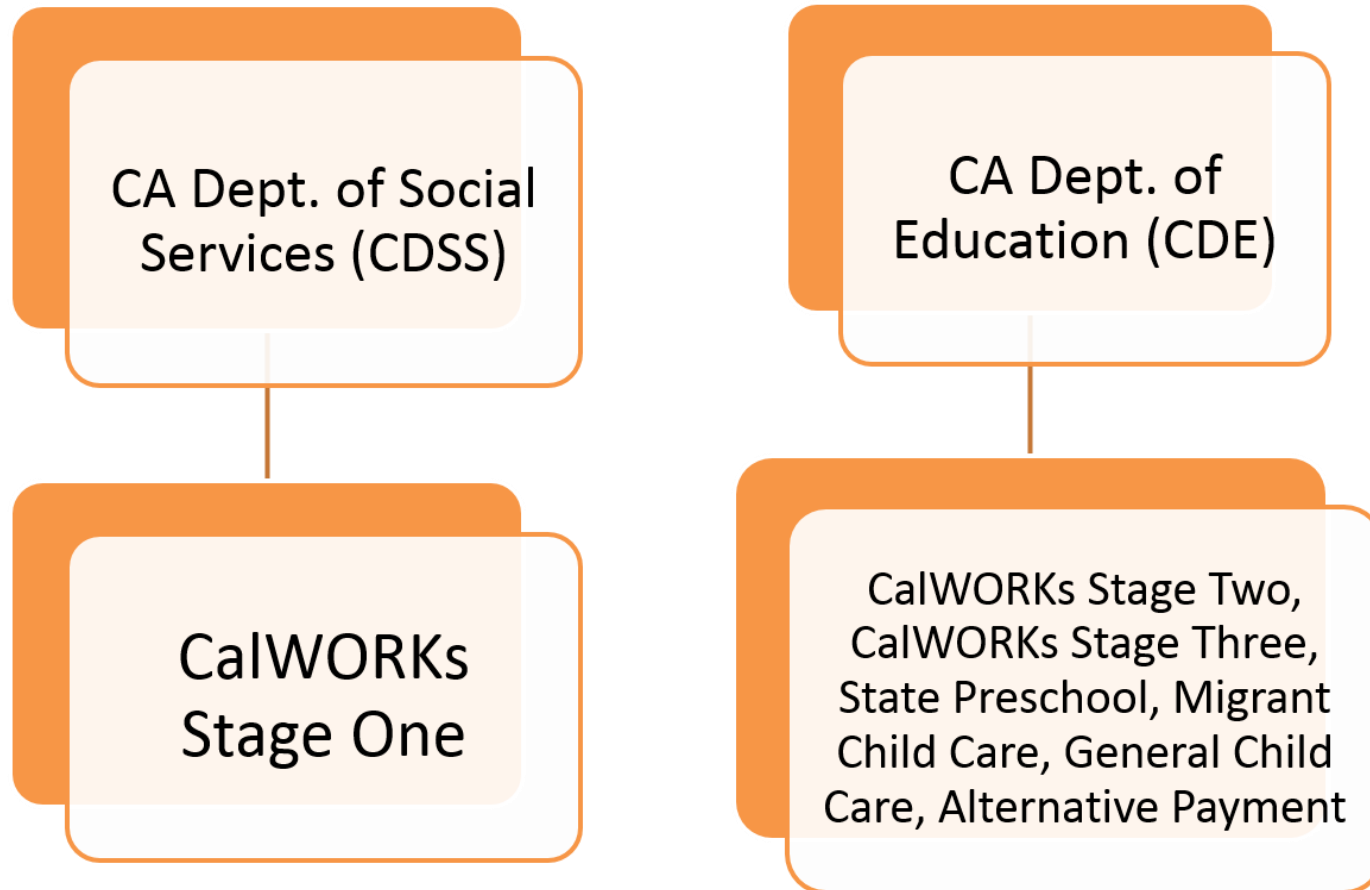
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- 1) Use administrative, survey, and interview data to document agency, provider, and family characteristics.
- 2) Generate a dataset and final report for use by the Departments of Social Services and Education to inform policy and program decision-making.

Subsidy programs included in study



Study Design

- Develop a representative sample of providers, families, and children participating in CDE- and CDSS-funded child care programs in **March 2017**
- Document characteristics of providers and families using **administrative data** collected by local child care agencies
- Conduct **surveys** and **interviews** with a representative sample of providers and families to fill in the gaps, generating a complete dataset

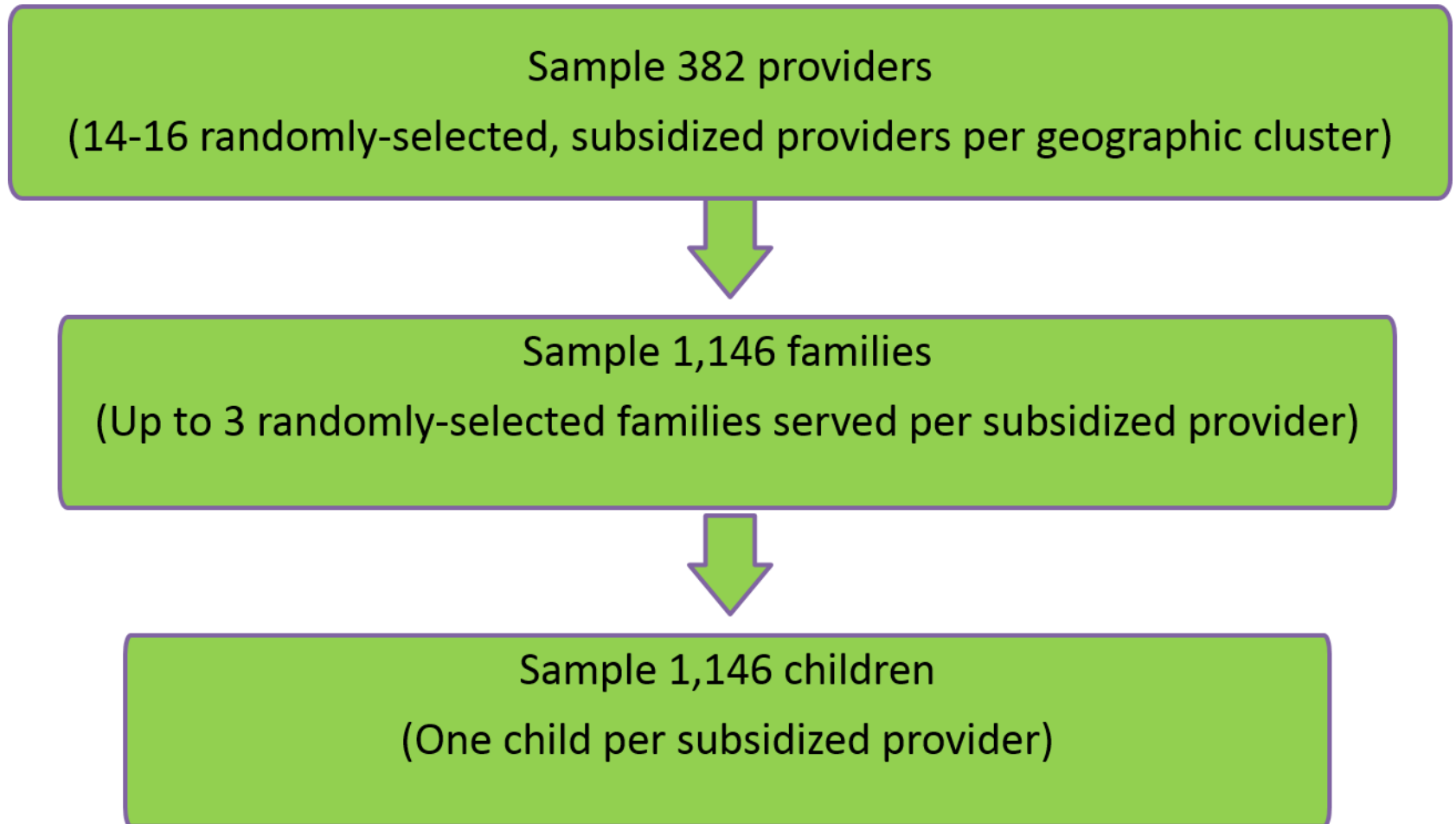
Three primary groups of research participants & their activities

- Agencies
 - Collect administrative data
- Providers
 - Participate in a 30-minute web survey
- Families
 - Participate in a 30-minute phone interview



All participation is voluntary

Who is in the representative sample?



Study timeline

1. Administrative data collection:
May-August 2018
2. Field provider survey:
July-October 2018
3. Conduct family interviews:
August-November 2018
4. Generate final data set and report:
by April 30, 2019

Agency Data Collection

Which agencies will be asked to participate?

- Approximately 70 Agencies that manage subsidies for the following contract types:
 - CalWORKs Stages 1-3
 - State Preschool
 - Migrant Child Care
 - General Child Care
 - Alternative Payment
- Located in 24 counties across the State
- Agencies include those organizations with a direct contract to provider services (ex. state preschool) or organizations that manage a voucher program.

How many providers will each agency report on?

- Agencies with a contract to provide direct services will be asked about their own agency
- Agencies who manage vouchers will be asked to report on between 2 and 58 providers. The majority will be asked for data on <10 providers.
 - Providers in our sample represent 1-2 subsidy programs. The data request will focus on the children and families served by that provider under the relevant subsidy program.
 - Data from service month of March 2017
- Template letters will be available so agencies can inform providers about the study

What data will be requested from an agency?

Requested data elements will include:

- Provider and family contact information
- Family characteristics
- Payments to providers
- Family fees and copayments
- Notice of Action (NOA) issued by agency in March of 2017

What is the agency data collection process?

- 1st : IMPAQ will notify you of your agency's selection for the study by email
- 2nd : IMPAQ will reach out to your agency contact to identify appropriate staff to attend a meeting on the details of the data request
- 3rd: Phone call with selected staff to review the capacity assessment
 - After the call, IMPAQ will send instructions to coordinate data preparation and the secure data transfer

What if agency staff have questions?

- The research team can provide the following support as needed:
 - Technical assistance
 - Financial support
- If you have any questions, contact IMPAQ by:
 - Phone: 1-866-694-8199
 - Email: CCCS@impaqint.com



Provider Data Collection

Who will be asked to participate?

- Providers will include:
 - Center-based, home-based, and license-exempt providers paid through a state subsidy in March 2017
- Sampled providers will be asked to complete an online survey
 - Study materials will be available in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Cantonese

What types of questions are in the provider survey?

- Providers will be asked about:
 - Demographics (e.g., age, race/ethnicity, education level)
 - Use of developmental screening tools
 - Support for children with unique needs (e.g., those with an IEP)
 - Staff education levels
 - Staff training

What is the process for the provider survey?

- If selected, providers will receive a letter informing them about:
 - Their selection for the study
 - Voluntary participation
 - California Research Participants Bill of Rights
 - \$40 incentive

What is the process for the provider survey?

- Shortly after being notified, a provider will be emailed the web link to the survey
- If the provider consents to take the survey, he or she will proceed on to complete the questions
 - Providers can pause and resume the survey as needed
- All responses will be kept confidential

What if a provider has questions?

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Family Data Collection

Who will be asked to participate in the family interviews?

- Participants will include:
 - Families with at least one child whose child care was paid through a state subsidy in March 2017
 - Families will be randomly selected to be interviewed from the sample of providers
 - Interviews will be available in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Cantonese

What types of questions are in the family interview?

Families will be asked questions about:

- Payments made for child care
- Parent demographics (e.g., age, education, race/ethnicity, primary language)
- Family income, employment status, & other need criteria
- How long they received/have been receiving subsidy
- Child care schedules
- The family's experience of subsidy system(s)
- Transportation
- Their child's health

What is the process for the family interviews?

If selected, families will receive a letter via mail or email informing them about:

- Their selection for the study
- Voluntary participation
- California Research Participants Bill of Rights
- \$25 incentive

What is the process for the family interviews?

- Interviewers from Brian Fitzgerald will follow up by phone to schedule a time for the phone interview
 - Families will have the option to complete the interview questions online if desired
- Outreach and communication activities will be tailored to encourage more families to complete the interview and ensure the sample is representative.

What if a family has questions?

• If families have questions, they will be able to contact interviewers by:

– Toll free phone line

Or Child Trends staff at

– Phone line: 1-833-823-9249

– Email: CCCS@childtrends.org

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Data Security and Privacy

- All data are de-identified
 - Data matched according to ID numbers
- Child Trends, IMPAQ, and Brian Fitzgerald take data security very seriously
 - Data security training
 - Secure server
- Participation is voluntary
 - Providers and families consent to participate

Resources & Next Steps

Resources

If you have questions about the study, there are a number of helpful resources you can use

- Phone line: 1-833-823-9249
- Email: CCCS@childtrends.org
- Our project webpage:
www.childtrends.org/project/california-child-care-study/
 - Fact Sheets (multiple versions)
 - Recorded webinar

Questions?

Thank you!