

ARPA Survey & Stipend Distribution FAQs

Q: Who is considered a qualified Provider in the context of the ARPA survey?

A: Providers who served children receiving child care subsidies from the following programs in April 2022 will be eligible for a \$1,442 per-child stipend:

- CalWORKs Stages One, Two (C2AP) and Three (C3AP)
 - California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP)
 - Migrant Alternative Payment Program (CMAP)
 - General Child Care and Development Program (CCTR)
 - Migrant Child Care and Development Program (CMIG)
 - Family Child Care Home Education Network (CFCC)
 - Child Care and Development Services for Children with Special Needs (CHAN)
- Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program)

More information can be found by clicking on the below link.

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-and-development/subsidized-child-care-provider-stipends>

Q: When must I complete the survey by?

A: This survey must be completed by August 15, 2023. You must complete this new survey, even if you completed one last year.

Q: How can I complete the ARPA Survey?

A: You may access the ARPA Survey by visiting the CA Department of Social Services website

Access the survey here:

[English ARPA Survey](#)

[Spanish ARPA Survey](#)

[Chinese ARPA Survey](#)

[Russian ARPA Survey](#)

[Somali ARPA Survey](#)

[Arabic ARPA Survey](#)

Child care providers can also complete the ARPA survey on paper, below is a link to a hard copy of the ARPA survey that can be printed. Please scan and email the completed survey to ccpb@dss.ca.gov. Hardcopy surveys may also be mailed to:

California Department of Social Services
ATTN: ARPA Survey
744 P Street, MS 9-8-355
Sacramento, CA 95814

Q: If I complete the ARPA Survey, when should I expect to receive payment?

A: You should receive the ARPA stipend within 45 days of completing the ARPA survey.

Q: Will I receive the payment in the form of a check or direct deposit?

A: Providers will receive stipend payments in the same manner they have elected to receive regular childcare payments through Family Resource Center.

Q: Who conducts the ARPA Survey?

A: The California Department of Social Services and The California Department of Education. Collected data will be protected from unauthorized disclosure and reported only to the federal government to track COVID-19 Child Care stabilization funding. If you are a Child Care Center with multiple license numbers, please complete one survey for each license number.

Q: How am I allowed to use the ARPA stipend funds:

A: Providers must use ARPA Stabilization funds for one or more of the following purposes below:

- Personnel costs, benefits, premium pay, or recruitment and retention
- Rent or mortgage payments, utilities, facilities maintenance and improvements, or insurance
- Personal protective equipment, cleaning and sanitization supplies and services
- Training and professional development related to health and safety practices
- Purchases of or updates to equipment and supplies to respond to COVID-19
- Goods and services necessary to maintain or resume child care services
- Mental health supports for children and employees

Q: What if I have other questions about the ARPA Survey?

A: Visit the CDSS website to learn more about the ARPA Survey and stipend:

[ARPA Frequently Asked Questions \(ca.gov\)](#)

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Q: Who can I contact at Family Resource Center for more information about the stipend payments?

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