



**Mendocino County  
Department of Social Services**

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

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**Memorandum**

**Date:**

**Division:** Employment and Family Assistance Services

**Contract Info:** California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage One Child Care

**Amount:** \$645,000

**Meeting Date:** May 6, 2025

**History:**

Senate Bill 80, established in October of 2019, increased access to child care services for Welfare-to-Work participants by authorizing CalWORKs Stage One Child Care immediately and continuously for 12 months. Beginning July 1, 2025, the authorization period for Stage One Child Care will increase to 24 months, or until participant is transferred to Stage Two. With North Coast Opportunities administering Stage One Child Care, this contract will allow for the continued smooth transition between all three child care stages and alleviate any confusions for participants and community child care providers.

**Funding:**

Stage One Child Care Allocation.

**Numbers served through this agreement:**

CalWORKs Job Services participants are eligible for Stage One Child Care when they have a child under the age of 13 or up to age 21 with disabilities, in the home. During January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, the average number of families receiving Stage One Child Care services were twenty-nine, representing an average of forty-six children. In addition, the average number of families that transitioned to Stage Two Child Care each month were two.