

Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)

New Directors Training
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CARE Program Overview

- Established in 1982 by State of CA
- Supplemental component of EOPS
- Provides educational support for academically underprepared, welfare-dependent, single head of household students
- Services are designed to assist eligible students obtain educational success
- Eventually transition from welfare dependency to self-sufficiency

Student Eligibility for CARE

- Must be in the EOPS program
- At least 18 years old
- Be a current recipient of CalWORKs/TANF/Tribal TANF cash aid for themselves or dependent child
- CalWORKs/TANF/Tribal TANF single head of household status

Student Eligibility for CARE

- CARE students must provide written verification from county at least once per year that student and/or dependent child(ren) is currently receiving CalWORKs cash aid.
- Students must inform EOPS/CARE at each mandatory counseling contact each term of any changes that may affect their CARE eligibility

Student Eligibility for CARE

- Commencing in 2017-18, CARE eligibility criteria no longer requires a student to have one child under the age of 14 at the time of acceptance into CARE.

Student Eligibility for CARE

- The term has started and a CARE student will no longer receive CalWORKs cash aid as of mid-semester but his children will continue to receive CalWORKs cash aid; this student will remain eligible for CARE.
- If both the student and dependent children no longer receive CalWORKs cash as of mid-semester, the student remains eligible for CARE until the end of the semester.

Student Eligibility for CARE

- CARE may serve a student who is not the parent of the dependent child if the student has legal custody of a dependent child; CARE does not need custody papers for student's file; just need verification from county that student is single head of household receiving CalWORKs cash aid for herself and/or dependent child in her assistance unit/family unit/household.

Services Include But Not Limited To:

- CARE grants
- Transportation
- Textbooks
- School supplies
- Supplemental counseling and advisement
- Workshops and/or curriculum (including self-esteem, parenting, study skills, time management, etc.)

See CARE Auditing Guidelines for Complete List of Allowable Services/Expenditures

Who Pays First?

- A student is not required to college financial aid, including EOPS/CARE, to pay for educational costs and ancillary services in county-approved Welfare-to-Work plan
- Under State law, county CalWORKs pays for items needed to fulfill student's assigned WTW activities, including child care, transportation, ancillary expenses (i.e. tools, uniforms, textbooks or school supplies)

Who Pays First?

- Advise student to tell county that s/he wants the county to pay first
- Student should submit WTW8 form at the time s/he gives the agency verification form to his county CalWORKs case manager
- The WTW8 form can be obtained through California Department of Social Services (CDSS) website at:
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG169.htm>

(copy of WTW8 in training binder)

Other Program Requirements

- CARE Advisory Committee
 - ✓ At least two meetings per academic year
 - ✓ Representatives from local county welfare department (e.g. CalWORKs and CalFresh/SNAP programs), local Tribal TANF programs, community, business sector, CARE students and others as determined by CARE coordinator)
 - ✓ Can combine with EOPS advisory committee

Other Program Requirements

- College CARE coordinator must participate in a minimum of two statewide CARE meetings/trainings annually (i.e. CCCEOPSA fall conference and Chancellor's Office annual spring EOPS/CARE statewide technical assistance training)
- Travel to these required CARE meetings – supported by college CARE funds, EOPS or other funding sources

Other Program Requirements

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- Use of CARE Funds for CARE Employees
(commencing in 2017-18)
- ✓ CARE may fund up to 100% the salary/benefits of a position's assigned time in CARE, including CARE student workers
- ✓ If a position is assigned 40% to the CARE program, then CARE may pay up to 40% of the salary/benefits, as reported in SSARCC

CARE Expenditures

- Let's look at the CARE Auditing Guidelines