

Riverside Community College District
Workforce Preparation

TANF-Child Development Careers Program

Fact Sheet

Overview

Workforce Preparation offers the TANF-Child Development Careers (TANF-CDC) Program, funded through the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The TANF-CDC Program is designed as an integrated and innovative approach to the education and training of CalWORKS recipients pursuing a Preschool Teacher Permit. Individuals eligible to receive the TANF-CDC Program services are TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients who are pursuing careers in early childhood education. Welfare recipients now face time limits (18-24 months of consecutive aid with a maximum five-year lifetime limit), and the TANF-CDC Program is among the options for recipients to comply with the welfare reform requirements. RCC is funded to serve 42 students and funding is based upon student enrollment in the TANF-CDC Program.

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Current and prospective RCC students who meet the criteria for eligibility may receive services through the TANF-CDC and CalWORKs Programs. Eligible students find their way to the TANF-CDC Program via referrals. Referrals are typically from Riverside County GAIN counselors, community preschools, peers, or early childhood educators. Through an integrated training program, work experience, and extensive CalWORKs supportive services, participants are prepared to apply for the Preschool Teacher Permit. CalWORKs supportive services include counseling, priority registration, job search and resume assistance, parenting and life skills workshops, resource referrals, and intensive joint case management with county GAIN counselors.

The goal of the TANF-CDC Program is to educate and train students to earn a Preschool Teacher Permit. The TANF-CDC Program is designed in a way that students can climb a career ladder in the field of Early Childhood Studies (ECS). During the first semester TANF-CDC Program students enroll in four core required ECS classes. Each class is offered in a fast-track format, which allows students to focus on one class at a time, while completing the four required courses in one semester. All TANF-CDC Program students are guaranteed access to the fast-track courses. Students may opt to enroll in other ECS coursework. After completing the first two fast-track courses students qualify for the Riverside Community College ECS Assistant Teacher certificate. After completing four core ECS courses and fifty-days experience students qualify for the Associate Teacher Permit. Upon completion of four additional elective ECS courses and 16 units of general education, the student qualifies for the Teacher Permit.

If you would like to know more about the TANF-CDC Program, please call the Workforce Preparation staff at (951) 222-8648.

TANF-CDC Resources

Foundation for California Community Colleges - TANF-CDC

http://www.foundationccc.org/FCCC/TANF/tanf_program.html

State of California - Community Care Licensing Division

<http://www.cclcd.ca.gov/>

The Child Development Training Consortium

<http://www.childdevelopment.org/>

State of California - Permits

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/>

California Early Childhood Mentor Program

<http://www.ecementor.org/index.htm>

Riverside Community College, Early Childhood Studies Department

<http://www.rcc.edu/academicPrograms/Education/Child/>