

**Riverside Community College District
Workforce Preparation**

**Child Development Career WORKs!
(CDC WORKs!) Program**

Fact Sheet

Overview

Workforce Preparation offers the CDC WORKs! Program, funded through the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The CDC WORKs 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 CDC WORKs! 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 CDC WORKs! is among the options for recipients to comply with the welfare reform requirements. RCC is funded to serve 60 students and funding is based upon student enrollment in the CDC WORKs Program.

CDC WORKs! Program

Current and prospective RCC students who meet the criteria for eligibility may receive services through the CDC WORKs! and CalWORKs Programs. Eligible students find their way to the CDC WORKs 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, book services, transportation assistance, and gift incentives.

The goal of the CDC WORKs Program is to educate and train eligible CalWORKs recipients to become California credentialed preschool Teachers. The CDC WORKs Program is designed in a way that students can climb a career ladder in the field of Early Childhood Studies (ECS). After completing just two core required ECS courses students qualify for the Assistant Teacher Permit and 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 CDC WORKs Program, please call the Workforce Preparation staff at (951) 222-8648.