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<td><strong>What is the purpose of the program?</strong></td>
<td>CA Tobacco tax funds to provide salary enhancement to encourage high quality ECE programs: well-educated teachers who stay in ECE</td>
<td>Funded by the California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division (CDE/EESD) with federal Child Care and Development Quality Improvement funds.</td>
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| **Who Can Benefit? (eligibility requirements)** | *Eligible students must be working towards a Child Care Permit and/or ECE degree with at least 3 units already achieved*  
* Works in Riverside County:  
- in a licensed ECE program  
- with children birth – age 5  
- at least 15 hours a week  
- at least 9 months of the year | * Eligible students must seek a new or maintain a Child Development Permit and  
* Works in Riverside County:  
- in a licensed ECE program  
- with children birth – age 5  
- at least 15 hours a week  
- at least 9 months a year  
- in a state-funded ECE program | * Students must be a declared ECE major; OR  
* Participating in the CDTC grant (employed in a licensed preschool or after school program); OR  
* Receiving financial aid; Preference will be given to the first two |
| **What money might I get?** | Students who work with children receive an honorarium, of $300-$500 per 3 unit class as a salary enhancement to stay in the field and keep going to college; up to $750 for BA degree course | Students receive a stipend. Amount of money divided among all of the qualifying applicants. Paid after the semester grades have posted. | Students have access to free rental of ECE textbooks for the eight required ECE courses |
| **Am I eligible if I receive financial aid?** | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| **Can I be in more than one of these programs?** | YES with all except AB 212 | YES with all except CARES Plus | YES with any or all others |
| **What do I have to do to receive the funds?** | Register/Attend an Orientation  
Meet with an Advisor;  
Complete on-line CLASS training and Smoke-free Environment training;  
Take college courses towards an ECE degree | Register/Apply  
Meet with an Advisor  
Complete ECRs and DRDP trainings;  
Take college credit towards an ECE degree | Complete CDTC application on line, print, sign and fill out the back.  
Have employer sign the back and return to Donna Greene by the due dates below. |
| **What is the program year?** | July 1 – June 30<sup>st</sup> | July 1 – June 30 | Students must apply each semester |
| **When are the papers due?** | Final papers due June | Final papers due June | Each semester |
| **Who can help me at COD?** | Wendy Sanders  
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| **Who runs the program at the county/state?** | First Five California, First Five Riverside, UCR Extension CARES PLUS  
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