Child Development Permit - An Overview

What is the Permit?
The Permit is a credential that is issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. It is similar to the K-6 Credential but specialized for working only with children from birth through preschool aged children. It is also required for after-school programs that are funded through the state.

Do I qualify for a Permit?
In order to qualify for the first level of the Permit, you need to have 12 units of ECE, including core classes. Core classes include Child Development and Child, Family and Community Relations. You must also have 50 DAYS of three or more hours per day of experience. Those days may be volunteer, course work, or paid. See the back of this sheet for further levels.

What does it cost?
First time applicants must submit a Livescan Fingerprint form and fees. The Livescan operator collects a personal fee, payable to him or her. The Commission requires $51.00 for the Livescan Clearance and $55.00 for first time applicants. You may submit your forms and Livescan receipt to the Child Development Training Consortium, who will reimburse you for those fees and will pay for the cost of the permit. Those funds are limited and may not be available for long.

Do I need a Permit?
If you work in an agency that receives government funding, it is required. It is not required for private programs. However, Community Care Licensing recognizes that holders of the Permit are qualified to teach in Title 22 programs and will not require copies of transcripts. Family Child Care providers are also not required to have the permit. However, it is good to show parents that you are as prepared as the center staff.

How can I apply?
You can apply for the permit by going to the Commission website and downloading these two forms, 41-4 and 41-LS. You can get reimbursed for the fingerprints and have your fees paid by the Child Development Training Consortium. (see links below)

Who can I turn to for more help?
The professors in ECE at College of the Desert are here to help you with this process:

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You can get the forms and more information from the following websites:

http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/CREDs/child-dev-permits.html
http://www.childdevelopment.org/cs/cdtc/print/htdocs/services_permit.htm