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 is specialized for working only with children from birth through preschool aged. It is also required for after-school programs that are funded through the state.

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 be required to obtain 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 center staff.

Do I Qualify for a Permit?

In order to qualify for the first level of the permit, you need to have 6 units of ECE course work completed with a grade of C or better. ROP completion also qualifies.

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 up to $49.00 of the cost of the live scan and have your permit application fee paid by the Child Development Training Consortium. (See links below)

What does it Cost?

First time applicants must submit a Livescan form (41-LS) and fees. The Livescan operator collects a fee for processing the clearance. The Child Development Training Consortium will reimburse you up to $49.00 of that fee, when you submit your application through them and include a receipt for the cost. The cost of the application is $70.00. The Training Consortium will pay your fee for you if you submit your application through them. (Those funds are limited and may not be available certain times of the year)

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