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## Child Care Assistance Program

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**The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)**, formerly located with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), **is now located with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). The move took place on July 1, 2015.**

CCAP helps low-income families pay for child care while working or attending school or training.

The reason for the move to LDOE is to aid the efforts of the state in establishing a **unified early childhood system**. By establishing consistent expectations for providers, young children will have **equitable access to safe, high-quality care and education**.

The LDOE reports, "This transition has increased the call volume into the Department call center. Consequently, some people may get a busy signal when calling. The Department is working diligently to expand our capacity to handle the increased volume. In the event you cannot get through to the call center, please email questions to [LDEccap@la.gov](mailto:LDEccap@la.gov).



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The state is committed to providing CCAP families and providers with ongoing communications.”

The team handling CCAP is called, **CCAP Household Eligibility**. There is also a new mailing address for this team:

Department of Education  
CCAP Household Eligibility  
P. O. Box 260037  
Baton Rouge, LA 70826  
Telephone: 1-877-453-2721  
Fax: 225-342-3906  
Email: LDEccap@la.gov

For information on applying for CCAP services, determining if you may be eligible, frequently asked questions, requests to change child care providers, and more, please visit:

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/early-childhood/child-care-assistance-program>



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