



Early Childhood Education Stipend/Linkage System Version 3.1.1

GST SmartCARES® is a data capture, tracking & reporting system used by agencies responsible for distributing child care educational incentive stipends funded under the C.A.R.E.S. Program (and/or other funding sources). GST SmartCARES® computerizes the processes of:

Application Submission for logging & recording basic application submission information; issuing receipt numbers/dates, and applicant ID numbers; generating mailing labels for receipt postcards; generating file folder labels; producing various tracking reports & status reports.

Application Information for storing applicant profile & requested stipend information; application status; geographic region; ethnicity/language; current work information; applicant education detail; & employment history information.

Stipend Adjustments for recording reasons for any adjustments in stipend level; checklist of requirements; educational units; Denial checklist; & Priority Ranking system when qualified applicants exceed available funding.

Appeal Process for recording appeal denial reasons; special comments; missing information, etc.

Over 50 Reports for validation; status tracking; funding threshold status; State Reporting extract; Priority ranking; and more...

GST SmartCARES® offers the following:

- Issues tracking receipt numbers for applications
- Generates mailing labels & file folder labels
- Built-in Geographic component for geo-coding applicants addresses for use in GIS & Mapping Software
- Issues unique ID's for applicants
- Stores historical data from previous funding rounds
- Can pre-load tables of existing child care provider data for selection in Work History
- Generates reports of funding target thresholds by level indicating when thresholds exceeded
- Easy to use checklists for identifying denial reasons & appeal process reasons
- Includes a Priority ranking component for use when applications exceed available funds
- Generates State Data Extract in Microsoft Excel® format
- Numerous pre-built reports for tracking stipend levels, data validation & quality checks, etc.
- Much More....



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