

Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care Program

If you are concerned about the cost of quality child care, Child Care Works may be able to help. Working parents may be eligible for assistance for child care expenses if they meet the income guidelines:

The annual income for a family to be eligible to receive subsidy is 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG) or less.

Family Size	Maximum Yearly Family Income (May 7, 2018)
2	\$32,920
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
6	\$67,480
7	\$76,120
8	\$84,760
9	\$93,400
10	\$102,040

- Each adult family member must work at least 20 hours per week. When a parent or caretaker attends training and works at least 10 hours per week, the time spent in training counts toward the 20 hour requirement. The CCIS will average a parent's or caretaker's work hours in cases where hours of work vary from week to week. The work hour requirement is waived for parents who are under 22 years of age and attending high school on a full-time basis. If self-employed, the parent must submit proof of self-employment.
- The hours that a child may receive subsidized child care must coincide with hours of work, education, or training.
- Children are eligible for care from birth to the age of 13. There are some exceptions for children with disabilities.
- The parent is responsible to help pay for child care. This is called a co-payment. The co-payment may be as little as \$5.00 per week and varies according to your income and the number of people in your family.
- The parent may choose the provider of his/her choice. The parent may choose a child care center, a small family day care home, a group day care home or a qualified relative to care for his/her child.
- The parent who is receiving subsidy is responsible to choose an eligible provider. Relative providers must complete an Agreement with the CCIS, must comply with the participation requirements listed in the Agreement and must complete mandated fingerprinting, mandated reporter training and CareCheck in order to be eligible to participate in the Subsidized Child Care Program. CareCheck is the Department of Human Services program that requires background clearances.
- If funding is not available at the time that a low-income, working parent applies for subsidized child care, the child may be placed on a waiting list.
- If you are currently receiving cash assistance through the County Assistance Office, please contact your caseworker and make sure s/he knows that you need child care assistance.

**For more information or to apply, contact your local
Child Care Information Services at: (412) 261-CARE or 1-800-392-3131.
You may also apply on line at www.compass.state.pa.us.**