

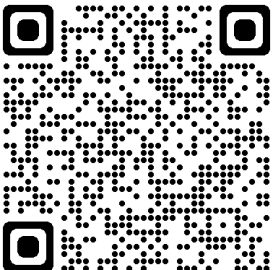
# Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care Program

If you are concerned about the cost of quality childcare, Child Care Works may be able to help. Working parents may be eligible for assistance for childcare 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 than 85% of the State Median Income (SMI).*

Family Size	Maximum Yearly Family Income (May 2024)
2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5	\$73,160
6	\$83,920
7	\$94,680
8	\$116,200

- 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 ELRC 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 or in an accredited G.E.D. program on a full-time basis. If self-employed, the parent must submit proof of self-employment.
- The hours that a child may receive subsidized childcare must coincide with hours of work, education, or training.
- Children are eligible for care from birth to age of 13. Some exceptions do apply.
- The parent is responsible to help pay for childcare. 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 childcare 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 ELRC, 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 childcare, the child may be placed on a waiting list.
- If you are currently receiving cash assistance through the County Assistance Office, please contact your County Caseworker and make sure s/he knows that you need childcare assistance.



**For more information or to apply, contact your local  
Early Learning Resource Center at: (412) 350-3577**

**You may also apply on line at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us).**

