

Working Connections Child Care

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) helps eligible families pay for child care. When a family qualifies for child care subsidy benefits and chooses an eligible provider, the state pays a portion of the cost of child care. Parents may be responsible for a copayment to their provider each month.



Basic Eligibility Requirements for Child Care Subsidy Benefits

- ✓ The family with whom the child resides must live in Washington state

- ✓ The family's income must be at or below 60% of the State Median Income (SMI) at application or 65% of SMI when reapplying

- ✓ The family must have resources under \$1 million

- ✓ Families may be approved for expanded eligibility for certain activities including:
 - Working at a Licensed Child Care Home, Center, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), or Head Start Program
 - Have child enrolled in either the Birth to Three Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) or Early Head Start programs
 - In the first 12 months of a state registered apprenticeship program

- ✓ Child Care Subsidy helps pay for child care while the parent, or parents in a two-parent household, participate in an approved activity. Approved activities include:
 - Employment or self-employed in legal, income-generating, taxable activities
 - Activities approved under the parents WorkFirst or BFET plan
 - Education activities include:
 - High school or high school equivalency programs for parents ages 21 and younger
 - Attending community, technical, or tribal college full-time and seeking an associate or vocational degree
 - Attending community, technical, or tribal colleges part-time and seeking an associate or vocational degree AND working 20 hours per week

- ✓ Families experiencing homelessness may be approved for up to 12 months to help resolve issues surrounding homelessness

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Income Eligibility

The maximum household income is 60% of the State Median Income (SMI).

The maximum monthly income limit by household size is listed below:

Family Size	0 to 20% State Median Income <i>NO COPAY</i>	More than 20% to 36% State Median Income <i>\$65 COPAY</i>	More than 36% to 50% State Median Income <i>\$90 COPAY</i>	More than 50% to 60% State Median Income <i>\$165 COPAY</i>	More than 60% to 65% State Median Income* <i>\$215 COPAY</i>	More than 85% State Median Income** <i>INCOME LIMIT</i>
1	\$0-\$1,135	\$1,136-\$2,044	\$2,045-\$2,839	\$2,840-\$3,407	\$3,408-\$3,691	\$4,827
2	\$0-\$1,485	\$1,486-\$2,673	\$2,674-\$3,713	\$3,714-\$4,455	\$4,456-\$4,827	\$6,312
3	\$0-\$1,834	\$1,835-\$3,302	\$3,303-\$4,586	\$4,587-\$5,504	\$5,505-\$5,962	\$7,797
4	\$0-\$2,184	\$2,185-\$3,931	\$3,932-\$5,460	\$5,461-\$6,552	\$6,553-\$7,098	\$9,282
5	\$0-\$2,533	\$2,534-\$4,560	\$4,561-\$6,334	\$6,335-\$7,601	\$7,602-\$8,234	\$10,768
6	\$0-\$2,883	\$2,884-\$5,189	\$5,190-\$7,207	\$7,208-\$8,649	\$8,650-\$9,370	\$12,253
7	\$0-\$2,948	\$2,949-\$5,307	\$5,308-\$7,371	\$7,372-\$8,846	\$8,847-\$9,583	\$12,532
8	\$0-\$3,014	\$3,015-\$5,425	\$5,426-\$7,535	\$7,536-\$9,042	\$9,043-\$9,796	\$12,810
9	\$0-\$3,079	\$3,080-\$5,543	\$5,544-\$7,699	\$7,700-\$9,239	\$9,240-\$10,009	\$13,089
10	\$0-\$3,145	\$3,146-\$5,661	\$5,662-\$7,863	\$7,864-\$9,435	\$9,436-\$10,222	\$13,367

Use the chart above to determine if your family may be eligible for WCCC and to determine your approximate copayment. Example: If your household consists of yourself, your spouse, and two children, your household size is four. If your income is \$4,100, your copayment would be \$90 per month.

*Families reapplying for Child Care Subsidy without a break in service may be eligible with income up to 65% of the State Median Income and a copayment of \$215.

** The maximum monthly income for Child Care Subsidy during an approved eligibility period.

- Copay Calculation Table - Effective Oct. 1, 2024:
www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/copay_calculation_table.pdf

Application Process

The parent must complete the WCCC application and verification process.

- Families can apply by contacting the Child Care Subsidy Contact Center at 1-844-626-8687 or online at www.WashingtonConnection.org.
- DCYF gathers and reviews information to determine a family's eligibility.
- Families will need to provide DCYF with the name and phone number of the child care provider. You do not have to have a provider before applying for child care subsidy.



Questions?

Families or parents with questions about their copayment may call the **DCYF Child Care Contact Center** at **1-844-626-8687**.

More information on WCCC eligibility can be found online at www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/earlylearning-childcare/getting-help/wccc.

Call the CCA of WA Family Center at 1-800-446-1114 for help finding a child care provider.