

Alexandria Child Care Assistance Programs

What are Child Care Assistance Programs?

The Child Care Assistance Programs help low- and moderate-income parents pay for child care. Some programs require parents to pay a fee based on family income.

How do they work?

Alexandria offers 3 assistance programs for parents:

- TANF Child Care
- Transitional Child Care
- Child Care Fee System

Child Care Fee System (OECD)

The Child Care fee System provides child care subsidies to parents who are working, going to school or participating in training. Families pay a single fee, based on their income, directly to care providers; the rest of the cost of care is paid by the Alexandria Department of Human Services.

Transitional Child Care

If a parent or legal guardian is not currently receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) but did receive TANF at one time, he/she may be able to receive assistance with child care. This benefit is available for up to 12 months after TANF benefits have run out. Families pay a single fee, based on their income, directly to care providers. The rest of the cost of care is paid by the Alexandria Department of Human Services.

TANF Child Care

If a parent or legal guardian is receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), he/she may receive child care assistance from TANF so she/he can work, participate in an approved training activity, or go to school. There is no fee for this assistance.

How does one apply?

- Contact the providing offices at the numbers below.

Contact Information

Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD)
Phone: (703) 746-5437