

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

What is the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)?

The CCDF helps low- and moderate-income families pay for child care; the CCDF provides payments directly to child care providers for children under the age of 13 (or older, in the case of special needs children). CCDF help is available to parents who are:

- Working full time
- Attending school part time if employed at least 20 hours per week
- Attending school full time
- Attending a certified General Educational Development (GED) program
- Participating in a job training program

How does it work?

CCDF provides either a spot in child care or a voucher (coupon) that can be used to pay for care from any care provider who meets state requirements. CCDF rarely pays the full amount of child care. Families typically pay a relatively small monthly co-payment to providers. The amount of CCDF aid and co-payment are based on family income, family size, and the number of children in care.

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