

## Purchase of Child Care (POC) Vouchers

### What is Purchase of Child Care (POC)?

The Purchase of Child Care (POC) program helps families pay for child care. Vouchers do not cover the full cost of child care. Recipients are expected to make a co-payment based on family income.

### How does it work?

Vouchers (coupons) are used to purchase care from any regulated child care center or home-based care, or from an informal provider approved by the local department of social services. To receive vouchers, you must be employed, in school, or involved in a welfare-to-work activity. Your immunizations must be up to date.

### Income Limits (July 2008)

People in Household	Annual Income
2	\$24,277
3	29,990
4	35,702
5	41,414
6	47,127
7	48,198
8	49,269
9	50,340
10	51,411

Source: Maryland Department of Human Resources. 1 Jul. 2008.

### How does one apply?

- ☐ Submit an application to the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services or the Child Care Resource and Referral Center.
  - ☐ Visit the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services or the Child Care Resource and Referral Center to pick up an application.

Apply online using the [Maryland Department of Human Resources Service Access and Information Link](#).

Visit the Maryland Department of Human Services' [Child Care Assistance](#) Web page for more information on POC Vouchers and a list of required personal papers/documents.

To test for POC eligibility online, visit the Maryland Department of Human Resources "[Am I Eligible?](#)" screening tool.

### Contact Information

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