

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Kentucky helps pay the child care bills for many families with young children, but more families are eligible for assistance and aren't getting it right now. **Getting child care assistance through CCAP could increase the number of spaces available to kids and encourage policymakers to help more families.** Child care is a crucial service for kids and their parents, and the more families we can help afford it, the better off we'll all be.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

THE CHILD:

- Under 13 years old or
- Under 19 with a disability

THE CAREGIVER: *(any of the following)*

- Working at least 20 hours per week or looking for work (or on parental/medical leave from a job)
- Participating in KTAP
- A teen parent getting a GED
- Full-time student (60 months maximum)
- Currently working for a child care provider

FAMILIES CAN APPLY FOUR DIFFERENT WAYS:

1

Apply for CCAP online.

Start your application today at kynect.ky.gov

2

Apply via phone.

Call **1-855-306-8959** to speak with a caseworker

3

Fill out the application at home.

Mail, fax, or hand deliver an **application** to your local DCBS office

4

Apply in-person.

Visit your local **DCBS office**



BY THE END OF JUNE 2023, OVER
31,861 KIDS

RECEIVED HELP FOR CHILD CARE THROUGH **CCAP**

59%
OF KENTUCKY'S
316,000 KIDS
UNDER SIX

ARE IN SOME FORM OF CARE OUTSIDE THEIR HOME AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK

BUT MOST ELIGIBLE FAMILIES ARE **NOT ENROLLED** IN CCAP



THERE'S SPACE FOR MORE THAN

159K

IN CHILD CARE CENTERS

ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for child care must have gross income at or below 85% of the State Median Income (SMI) per month. Income guidelines do not apply to cases approved by Protection and Permanency or for parents employed by a child care provider.

Once a family is eligible for CCAP, they remain eligible for 12 months before they need to recertify. Even if a parent loses their job, they have 90 days to keep their child in child care while they look for a job or if they enroll in a job training program or other form of education.

FAMILY SIZE	85% SMI
2	\$3,743
3	\$4,623
4	\$5,504
5	\$6,384
6	\$7,265
7	\$7,430
8	\$7,595
EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER ABOVE 8	\$166 PER PERSON



DAILY COPAYS

The state has waived copays for 2023, but they may not be waived in 2024

THE PROPOSED 2024 COPAYS ARE ON A SCALE FROM \$0 TO \$25 PER DAY AND ARE BASED ON:

The family size

The number of children in care

The monthly income of the household

POSSIBLE SCENARIOS:				
THE FAMILY SIZE	NUMBER OF CHILDREN	HOUSEHOLD MONTHLY INCOME	WHAT FAMILY PAYS PER DAY (2023)	WHAT FAMILY PAYS PER DAY (2024)
3	2	\$2,750	\$0	\$14
5	3	\$3,450	\$0	\$23

No copays for families with monthly income up to \$1399.



COURT-ORDERED TO PAY CHILD CARE EXPENSES?

Some families may have court-ordered child care expenses and may not qualify for the same copay for child care with CCAP. Please see an attorney about child support calculations adjustments.