

How much do I pay?

The Child Care Assistance Program may not cover all your child care costs. The amount you will have to pay depends on your family's income, the number of people in your family and how much your child care provider charges.

How do I get started?

Fill out an application to find out if you qualify for help with your child care costs. Contact Nicollet County's Human Services office or the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency in your area to begin the application process.

How do I find quality child care?

Asking the right questions will help you choose the best child care for your family. Child care resource and referral agencies provide suggested questions to ask when you are looking for child care or you can also search for child care online at: www.mnchildcare.org

This information is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling your county worker.

TTY users can call through Minnesota Relay at (800)627-3529. For Speech-to-Speech, call (877)627-3848.

For additional assistance with legal rights and protections for equal access to human services benefits, contact your agency's ADA coordinator.

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**Do you
need help
paying for
child care?**

Minnesota's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

can help make quality child care affordable for families with low incomes.

Paying for child care can be difficult as you look for a job, go to work or go to school to prepare for work. Help is available from the following Child Care Assistance Programs:

- **MFIP Child Care** is for families who receive assistance from the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Diversionary Work Program (DWP).

- **Transition Year Child Care** is available to families for a full year after their MFIP or DWP case closes. If there is a waiting list for the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Program, you may get help from this program for more than a year.

- **Basic Sliding Fee Child Care** is for other families with low incomes.

How does the Child Care Assistance Program work?

- CCAP can help you pay child care costs for all children age 12 and younger, and for children ages 13 and 14 who have special needs.
- Child care costs may be paid for the time you are working, looking for work or attending training.
- There is no time limit on how long you may receive child care assistance, as long as your income is within the program limits for your family size.
- Your child care must be provided by a legal provider over the age of 18.
- You must cooperate with child support for all children in your family.

Remember:

- You must report changes in your household within 10 days from the time the change occurs.
- Changes in your household may change the amount of child care costs paid.

What are licensed and legal non-licensed child care providers?

Child care providers may be licensed or non-licensed.

There are several kinds of licensed child care:

- Family child care programs, which are provided in a provider's home
- Child care centers
- Nursery school and preschool programs, which do not provide full-time care.

There are several kinds of legal non-licensed child care:

- Family providers, who care for children in their home
- In-home providers, who care for your children in your home
- Relative care
- School-age care programs operated by schools, which must meet standards of the local board of education
- Short-term programs, like summer camp, for kids.