

# Working Connections Child Care

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) helps eligible families pay for child care. When a family qualifies for child care subsidy benefits and chooses an eligible provider, the state pays a portion of the cost of child care. Parents may be responsible for a copayment to their provider each month.



## Basic Eligibility Requirements

### for Child Care Subsidy Benefits

- ✓ The child must be a U.S. citizen, legal resident, or otherwise eligible for federal benefits
- ✓ The family with whom the child resides must live in Washington State
- ✓ The family's income must be at or below 60% of the State Median Income (SMI) at application or 65% of SMI when reapplying
- ✓ The family must have resources under \$1 million

- ✓ Child Care Subsidy helps pay for child care while the parent, or parents in a two-parent household, participate in an approved activity. Approved activities include:
  - Employment or self-employed in legal, income-generating, taxable activities
  - Activities approved under the parents WorkFirst or BFET plan
  - Education activities include:
    - High school or high school equivalency programs for parents ages 21 and younger
    - Attending community, technical, or tribal college full-time and seeking an associate or vocational degree
    - Attending community, technical, or tribal colleges part-time and seeking an associate or vocational degree AND working 20 hours per week
- ✓ Families experiencing homelessness may be approved for up to 12 months to help resolve issues surrounding homelessness

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## Income Eligibility

The maximum household income is 60% of the State Median Income (SMI).

The maximum monthly income limit by household size is listed below:

Family Size	0 to 20% State Median Income <i>NO COPAY</i>	More than 20% to 36% State Median Income <i>\$65 COPAY</i>	More than 36% to 50% State Median Income <i>\$90 COPAY</i>	More than 50% to 60% State Median Income <i>\$165 COPAY</i>	More than 60% to 65% State Median Income* <i>\$215 COPAY</i>	More than 85% State Median Income** <i>INCOME LIMIT</i>
1	\$0 - \$973	\$974 - \$1,751	\$1,752 to \$2,433	\$2,434 to \$2,919	\$2,920 - \$3,163	\$4,136
2	\$0 - \$1,272	\$1,273 - \$2,290	\$2,291 - \$3,181	\$3,182 - \$3,818	\$3,819 - \$4,136	\$5,409
3	\$0 - \$1,572	\$1,573 - \$2,829	\$2,830 - \$3,930	\$3,931 - \$4,716	\$4,717 - \$5,109	\$6,681
4	\$0 - \$1,871	\$1,872 - \$3,368	\$3,369 - \$4,679	\$4,680 - \$5,614	\$5,615 - \$6,082	\$7,954
5	\$0 - \$2,171	\$2,172 - \$3,907	\$3,908 - \$5,427	\$5,428 - \$6,513	\$6,514 - \$7,056	\$9,227
6	\$0 - \$2,470	\$2,471 - \$4,447	\$4,448 - \$6,176	\$6,177 - \$7,411	\$7,412 - \$8,029	\$10,499
7	\$0 - \$2,526	\$2,527 - \$4,548	\$4,549 - \$6,316	\$6,317 - \$7,580	\$7,581 - \$8,211	\$10,738
8	\$0 - \$2,582	\$2,583 - \$4,649	\$4,650 - \$6,457	\$6,458 - \$7,748	\$7,749 - \$8,394	\$10,977
9	\$0 - \$2,639	\$2,640 - \$4,750	\$4,751 - \$6,597	\$6,598 - \$7,917	\$7,918 - \$8,576	\$11,215
10	\$0 - \$2,695	\$2,696 - \$4,851	\$4,852 - \$6,737	\$6,738 - \$8,085	\$8,086 - \$8,759	\$11,454

Use the chart above to determine if your family may be eligible for WCCC and to determine your approximate copayment. Example: If your household consists of yourself, your spouse, and two children, your household size is four. If your income is \$4,100, your copayment would be \$90 per month.

\*Families reapplying for Child Care Subsidy without a break in service may be eligible with income up to 65% of the State Median Income and a copayment of \$215.

\*\* The maximum monthly income for Child Care Subsidy during an approved eligibility period.

- Copay Calculation Table - Effective April 1, 2023:  
[www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/copay\\_calculation\\_table.pdf](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/copay_calculation_table.pdf)

## Application Process

The parent must complete the WCCC application and verification process.

- Families can apply by contacting the Child Care Subsidy Contact Center at 1-844-626-8687 or online at [www.WashingtonConnection.org](http://www.WashingtonConnection.org)
- DCYF gathers and reviews information to determine a family's eligibility
- Families will need to provide DCYF with the name and phone number of the child care provider. You do not have to have a provider before applying for child care subsidy

## Questions?

Families or parents with questions about their copayment may call the **DCYF Child Care Contact Center at 1-844-626-8687**.

More information on WCCC eligibility can be found online at [www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/earlylearning-childcare/getting-help/wccc](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/earlylearning-childcare/getting-help/wccc).