

Spring 2021 Child Care COVID-19 Supports

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We will begin shortly. Thank you!



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Purpose

- To ensure a stable, functional and flexible child care system that supports providers and families during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is providing direct support to licensed child care providers to offset increased costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure child care services are available to families.
- \$50 million has been allocated for licensed child care providers and formal license-exempt family, friends, and neighbor providers.
- This webinar will go over three different opportunities: the School-Age Incentive, the Family, Friends, and Neighbor (FFN) Incentive, and the Spring 2021 Child Care COVID-19 Grant.

Spring 2021 School Age Incentive

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School-Age Incentive Overview

- The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) will offer a one-time payment to licensed school-age providers serving school-age children accessing subsidy.
- DCYF will crosswalk the provider's base school-age subsidy rate with the regional preschool subsidy rate to issue a one-time "difference" payment for February, March, and April 2021. This will include a "difference" amount for tiered reimbursement.
- Subsidy payments must be claimed no later than June 30, 2021. If subsidy payment has already been claimed, no further action is needed.
- First payments will be released in mid-June, and final payments will be released in mid-July.
- Incentive payments will be processed through the Social Service Payment System (SSPS). Payments will be provided in the same way a provider currently receives subsidy payments.
- Please email dcyf.covidgrantinfo@dcyf.wa.gov with questions.

Spring 2021 Family, Friends, and Neighbor (FFN) Incentive

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FFN Incentive Overview

- FFN providers who provided care to children receiving subsidy and claim a subsidy payment for both January and February 2021 may be eligible for a one-time incentive payment of \$250.
- Subsidy payments must be claimed no later than April 30, 2021. FFN providers must provide care and claim for this care for both January and February (not one or the other).
- Incentive payments will be processed through the Social Service Payment System (SSPS). Payments will be provided in the same way a provider currently receives subsidy payments.
- If you have already claimed subsidy for January and February, you will receive an incentive payment in May. No further action is needed.
- Please contact the Child Care Provider Line at 1-800-394-4571 or providerhelp@dcyf.wa.gov with any questions.

Spring 2021 Child Care COVID-19 Grants

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Eligibility and Grant Amounts

- Licensed child care providers must be caring for children.
- DCYF will use licensed capacity data and SSPS data to calculate funding amounts. Rates are reflective of the different costs associated with each program size, as follows:

Provider Type	Amount of children a site can serve based on licensed capacity	Grant Amount
Providers who serve families accessing subsidy*	65 or less	\$6,500
	66 or more	\$100 x licensed capacity (\$20,000 maximum grant)
Private pay providers		\$6,500

*Providers who have an active subsidy authorization or have had an active subsidy authorization in 2021.

Fast Facts

- The Spring 2021 Child Care COVID-19 Grants are not competitive. All eligible providers who apply should receive a grant.
- To help providers to apply for a grant, DCYF has developed a toolkit of supports that includes technical support, resource documents available in English, Spanish and Somali, a dedicated email inbox and more.
- Payment processing will be prioritized for providers in Communities of Concern and Child Care Deserts. DCYF recognizes that there will be some overlap between the two. Providers only need to meet one category (Community of Concern or Child Care Desert) to receive priority payment processing.

*DCYF uses Community Outcome and Risk Evaluation (CORE) data to determine areas of Washington State with specific community risk factors such as little or no child care services; use of state-funded drug and alcohol services; arrests for domestic violence; unemployment and state welfare assistance; and rates of referrals for victims of child abuse and neglect.

Communities of Concern

- **Asotin**
- **Clallam**
- **Cowlitz**
- **Ferry**
- **Grays Harbor**
- **Jefferson**
- **Kitsap**
- **Klickitat**
- **Lewis**
- **Mason**
- **Okanogan**
- **Pacific**
- **Pend Oreille**
- **Pierce**
- **Skagit**
- **Snohomish**
- **Spokane**
- **Stevens**
- **Thurston**
- **Wahkiakum**
- **Whatcom**
- **Yakima**



Child Care Deserts

- 98001
- 98023
- 98032
- 98057
- 98087
- 98108
- 98168
- 98178
- 98198
- 98203
- 98204
- 98208
- 98408
- 98445
- 98498
- 98499
- 98662
- 98664
- 98684
- 98901
- 98902
- 98908
- 98942
- 98944
- 99201
- 99205
- 99207
- 99208
- 99301
- 99326
- 99336
- 99337
- 99352
- 99353
- 99354



Grant Uses

Allowed ✓

- Utilities
- Rent/Space Costs
- Payroll/Benefits
- Food
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Cleaning Supplies Related to COVID-19
- Technology and/or Internet Service

Not Allowed ✗

- Building or facility repairs, modifications and any additions that require a permit are considered capital improvements and are not approved expenditures

Resources

- **Dedicated Webpage**

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/coronavirus-covid-19/early-learning/covid19-grant-spring21>

- **Application Questions**

If you have questions about the application, the timeline of the grant or other questions specific to the grant, please email dcyf.covidgrantinfo@dcyf.wa.gov

- **Provider Portal Link**

To access your account or review your profile and licensing information, use the login link here:

https://wacompass.force.com/PP_LoginPage#

- **Can't Log In?**

If you need help logging into your Provider Portal account, please email dcyf.providerportal@dcyf.wa.gov or call 866-627-8929

- **Need Assistance Filling Out the Application?**

If you need assistance filling out the application, either in the Provider Portal or translated on paper, contact your local Child Care Aware of Washington office



Timeline

- **Late April**
 - Webinar to introduce grant and answer applicant questions
 - Grant opens
- **Late May**
 - Grant closes
 - Priority applications reviewed and verified
 - Priority awards are sent out
- **Early June**
 - Remaining applications are reviewed and verified
 - Remaining awards are sent out