

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Child Care Assistance Program



NORWESCAP
Child & Family Resource Services



APPLICANT (S) / PARENTS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a New Jersey resident.
- Must meet income requirements and not have assets that exceed \$1 million.
- Must be working full time (30 hours or more a week), attending school full time (12 credits or more), or in job training (at least 20 hours a week), or a combination.
- Depending on family size and income, may have to contribute to the cost of care (copay) and any excess fees.



OUR MISSION IS TO EMPOWER FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ENHANCING THE QUALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF EARLY EDUCATION AND BY PROVIDING INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO COMMUNITY SERVICES.

Need help finding a child care provider?

Call to speak with our Family Engagement Specialist (FES) who can also discuss any other resources you may need.

| Family Size: | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Income cannot exceed: | \$36,620 | \$46,060 | \$55,500 | \$64,940 | \$74,380 | \$83,820 |

If Family Size is larger than what is shown above, please contact local CCR&R Agency. Please note the following:

- The rules of the Subsidy Program are subject to change without notice.
- See enclosed checklist for required documents.
- Incomplete applications will be discarded after 90 days.

Child care regulations require that information about parents/applicants for child care service programs shall be used and disclosed only for purposes directly connected with the administration of child care service programs (and referrals) as otherwise permitted or required by law.

Serving the Families of Hunterdon, Sussex, and Warren County
Send Applications to: cfrsapplications@norwescap.org

Hunterdon

84 Park Ave. Ste. E104
Flemington, NJ 08822
Tel: 908-782-8183
Fax: 908-782-3498

Sussex

186 Halsey Rd., Ste 1
Newton, NJ 07860
Tel: 973-383-3461
Fax: 973-383-8222

Warren

350 Marshall Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Tel: 908-454-1078
Fax: 908-454-3117

NJ CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Documentation Checklist

Below is a **general list** of required documents for each section of the Child Care Subsidy Program Application that must be submitted for **initial** eligibility consideration. Additional documents may also be required based on program requirements. Please contact and check with the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R) if you have questions or need assistance. You can reach your local CCR&R at 1-800-332-9227 or by visiting www.ChildCareNJ.gov.

IDENTIFICATION

For each applicant/co-applicant, **submit one** of the documents from **Column A**. If you are unable to provide from **Column A**, you may **submit two** documents from **Column B**:

COLUMN A (PRIMARY DOCUMENTATION)

Submit one:

- ☐ Driver's License
- ☐ Government Issued Photo ID Card
- ☐ Military Photo ID Card
- ☐ Employer Issued Photo ID
- ☐ School Photo ID
- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)

OR

COLUMN B (SECONDARY DOCUMENTATION)

Submit two:

- ☐ High School Diploma, GED, or College Diploma
- ☐ Health Insurance Card or Prescription Card
- ☐ Printed Paystub
- ☐ Birth Certificate (applicant/co-applicant or child's)
- ☐ Social Security Card

ADDRESS

For any applicant/co-applicant, **submit one** of the following to verify residence*:

- ☐ Current Rental/Lease Agreement or Mortgage Bill
- ☐ Court decree (if applicable)
- ☐ School records showing residence
- ☐ Custody Agreement or other court documents for guardianship
- ☐ Home utility bills
- ☐ Medical documentation
- ☐ Vehicle Registration or Title or NJ Driver's License
- ☐ Most recent filed tax forms showing dependency
(For dependents 18+, must provide filed IRS 1040 Form)

**If you or your child are homeless and do not have a fixed address, please contact your CCR&R for assistance.*

RELATIONSHIP AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE

For **any child in need of child care services**, submit the following to prove relationship:

- ☐ Child's Birth Certificate
- ☐ Court decree (if applicable)
- ☐ Custody Agreement or other court documents for guardianship (if applicable)

For each **dependent residing in the home** and included in the family size, **submit one** of the following to verify family size:

- ☐ Birth Certificate
- ☐ Court decree (if applicable)
- ☐ Custody Agreement or other court documents for guardianship (if applicable)
- ☐ Most recent filed tax forms showing dependency
(For dependents 18+, must provide filed IRS 1040 Form)

NJ CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Documentation Checklist Continued

CHILD CITIZENSHIP STATUS

For any child in need of care, **submit one** of the following:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Birth Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Citizenship | <input type="checkbox"/> USCIS Form I-551 (Alien Registration Card) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Passport or Passport Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card | <input type="checkbox"/> USCIS/INS Form I-94 stamped "Refugee", "Parolee", "Asylee", or "Notice of Action" |

INCOME

INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT:

- ☐ Must provide current one month's worth of current pay stubs (e.g. 4 weekly, 2 biweekly, etc.)

NEW EMPLOYMENT ONLY: If paystubs are not available

- ☐ Employer letter on company letterhead (signed/dated) Must include rate of pay, hours worked per week, employer contact information, and first date of employment; or

- ☐ DFD "Verification of Employment" Form
If approved for subsidy, applicant/co-applicant will be required to follow up with pay stubs.

- ☐ **SELF-EMPLOYED ONLY:** Submit Current IRS Tax Transcript of Form 1040 Schedule C, "Profit or Loss from Business"

- ☐ **UNABLE TO WORK or INCAPACITATED:** DFD "Parent Incapacitation Verification" Form

OTHER INCOME OR BENEFITS TO FAMILY UNIT:

Documentation must show the rate and frequency of the income received from the sources below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment documentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pension documentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security award letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement/Pension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal Support/Alimony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans/Military Benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support – minimum of 6 months of Payment/Disbursement History <i>(Note: If child support or alimony is not court ordered, write the amount you receive monthly in Section C of the application)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other income required for federal/state tax reporting purposes |

SCHOOL/TRAINING

For each applicant/co-applicant, **submit one** of the following:

- ☐ **SCHOOL:** Detailed school schedule naming the school and the student, including days and hours attending, credits, start and end date
- ☐ **TRAINING PROGRAM:** Letter on Program letterhead (signed/dated) indicating name of program, start and end date and weekly schedule



Child Care and Early Education Service Eligibility Application

STATE OF NEW JERSEY • DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



Applicant Instructions for Completing the Child Care Eligibility Form

The following instructions are keyed to the various sections of this form. Please read carefully.

► INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION A

1. Enter your full name (last, first, middle initial), social security number and date of birth (month/date/year). Check one or more of the appropriate boxes provided to indicate your race. Check the appropriate box to indicate your ethnicity and sex. Check the appropriate box to indicate the relationship of the parent/applicant to the child(ren) for which you are making an application for assistance. If you are not an immediate relative (mother/father), please indicate whether you are another legally responsible person, a foster parent or other. If other, please specify.
2. If applicable (resides in household), enter the full name of your spouse or co-applicant, social security number and date of birth (month/date/year). Check the appropriate boxes provided to indicate the race, ethnicity and sex of the co-applicant/spouse.
3. Enter your home address and county in which you reside. Enter the school district which the child(ren) attends.
4. Enter your home telephone number.
5. Enter the "family size" meaning the number of adults (persons 18 years or older who are legally responsible for the children) and dependent adults (persons 18 years or older) who are in your immediate family unit, and the number of dependent children (persons under age 18).

Examples: In a single parent family with two children state: "# of Adults: 1, # of Children: 2."

In a two parent family with a dependent adult (grandparent) and two children state: "# of Adults: 3, # of Children: 2."

Note: If as a single parent, you and your child(ren) live with your mother and father, you would **NOT** include the grandparents in the family size.

► INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION B

Provide Income Information Based on the Current Year. Fill In All Blanks. List Gross Figures Unless Otherwise Indicated. If You Receive None in a Certain Category, Write "0."

For each adult (applicant co-applicant or other dependent adult) residing in the household unit, list all current income information. Columns are provided to enter income information either by week, every two weeks, month or year. For separated or divorced spouses, include only that income (i.e., child support or alimony) which is available to the custodial family.

1. List all gross income due to wages and salary.
2. List all benefit income received from pensions and retirement.
3. List all benefit income received from Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
4. List all benefit income received from unemployment and workmen's compensation.
5. List all benefit income received from public assistance (TANF).

6. List income received from an absent parent for child support or alimony.
7. Include any other income received which is required to be listed for federal and state tax reporting purposes.
8. Indicate the annual total of all sources of income.

► INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION C

Provide Information of Current Work, School and/or Training Activity for Applicant and Co-Applicant (if applicable).

1. Enter the name, complete address and telephone number of Primary Work/School/Training Site.
2. Check the appropriate box to indicate if activity is work, school or training.
3. Enter your starting date (month/date/year).
4. Check the appropriate box to indicate if Work/School/Training activity is full time, part time or seasonal. Enter the number of hours per week and months per year spent at site.
5. Include the information for your Secondary Work/School/Training activity (if applicable).

► INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION D

Questions 1-9. Check the appropriate box (either "Yes" or "No") for each question. If you answer "Yes" to any of questions 2-5, provide the requested information.

Questions 10. Check the appropriate box to indicate if you are applying for assistance because you are ineligible for the TANF or TCC programs.

Questions 11. Check whether you understand you are applying for voucher or contracted child care services.

Questions 12. Check whether all of the children in your family have health insurance and if you wish to receive an application for NJ Family Care.

► INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION E

1-2. Enter full name (last, first, middle initial), social security number and date of birth (month/date/year) for each child for whom assistance is requested. Check the appropriate boxes provided to indicate race, ethnicity and sex of child(ren). Indicate the hours, days and duration for which child care is needed. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the child(ren) has a special need, if yes, state the need. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the child is a US citizen. If yes, attach a copy of the child's birth certificate and social security card. Proof of the child's citizenship is not required for Abbott, Child Protective Services, Kinship or Post-Adoption subsidies.

► INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION F

After reading the certification, applicant and co-applicant (if applicable) sign on the appropriate line and include the date.



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY • DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

Norwescap-Child and Family Resource Services

186 Halsey Road, Suite 1

Newton, NJ 07860

(973)383-3461

www.norwescap.org

A Applicant/Co-Applicant Information Please Read Instructions, Print Clearly, Answer All Questions

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| 1. PARENT/APPLICANT NAME | SOCIAL SECURITY NO. | DATE OF BIRTH |
| _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (9 Digit Number) _____ | _____-_____-_____ (9 Digit Number) | ____/____/____ (Mo./Dy./Yr.) |

The following information is needed for statistical purposes. Check one or more of the appropriate boxes to indicate applicant response.

RACE: ☐ American Indian or Alaskan ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White

ETHNICITY: Hispanic/Latino: ☐ Yes ☐ No **SEX:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

Relationship of APPLICANT to children: ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Legally Responsible Adult ☐ Foster Parent ☐ Other: _____

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| 2. PARENT/CO-APPLICANT NAME (If Applicable) | SOCIAL SECURITY NO. | DATE OF BIRTH |
| _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (9 Digit Number) _____ | _____-_____-_____ (9 Digit Number) | ____/____/____ (Mo./Dy./Yr.) |

The following information is needed for statistical purposes. Check one or more of the appropriate boxes to indicate applicant response.

RACE: ☐ American Indian or Alaskan ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White

ETHNICITY: Hispanic/Latino: ☐ Yes ☐ No **SEX:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

3. HOME ADDRESS (Number and Street) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ School District: _____

4. HOME TELEPHONE: _____

5. NUMBER OF ADULTS IN FAMILY: _____ **NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY:** _____ **TOTAL FAMILY SIZE:** _____

Family size includes parent, spouse, children for whom subsidy is requested, other dependent children, or adults claimed on applicant's or co-applicant's IRS 1040. In cases of kinship, family size includes the child for whom subsidy is requested and all dependents claimed on the grandparent's, aunt's or relative's IRS 1040. For DYFS cases, a child and any of his/her siblings living in the same home and who are in DYFS-paid out of home placement shall be counted to determine the size of the family.

B Family Income Information Attach Original Proof of Income - Most Recent Four Consecutive Weeks Information is not required for DYFS-paid caregivers. Payments for DYFS children in out of home placement does not count as income.

| For each source, enter income information either by week, bi-weekly, month or year. Include child support and/or alimony. 1. Wages and Salary (gross): 2. Pensions, Retirement: 3. Supplemental/Social Security Benefits: 4. Unemployment, Workmen's Compensation: 5. TANF Cash Assistance: 6. Child Support/Alimony: 7. Other: _____ 8. TOTAL GROSS INCOME: | PARENT/CO-APPLICANT <i>List gross income for current:</i> | | | | PARENT/CO-APPLICANT <i>List gross income for current:</i> | | | |
|---|--|---------|-------|------|--|---------|-------|------|
| | WEEK | 2 WEEKS | MONTH | YEAR | WEEK | 2 WEEKS | MONTH | YEAR |
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C Work/School/Training Information Proof of Current School Registration Must Be Attached

| | PARENT/CO-APPLICANT | PARENT/CO-APPLICANT |
|--|---|---|
| Name of PRIMARY Work/School/Training Site: Complete Address (Street, City, State, & Zip): <i>(If applicable, enter "Self-Employed")</i> Telephone Number: () _____ Check One: Enter Starting Date (Mo/Dy/Yr): <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Training Start Date ____/____/____ Check One and Enter: Number of Hours/Week and Months/Year for Work/School/Training <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time _____ # Hrs/Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employment _____ # Mos/Yr | <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Training Start Date ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time _____ # Hrs/Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employment _____ # Mos/Yr | <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Training Start Date ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time _____ # Hrs/Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employment _____ # Mos/Yr |
| Name of SECONDARY Work/School/Training Site: Complete Address (Street, City, State, & Zip): Telephone Number: () _____ Check One: Enter Starting Date (Mo/Dy/Yr): <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Training Start Date ____/____/____ Check One and Enter: Number of Hours/Week and Months/Year for Work/School/Training <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time _____ # Hrs/Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employment _____ # Mos/Yr | <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Training Start Date ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time _____ # Hrs/Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employment _____ # Mos/Yr | <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Training Start Date ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time _____ # Hrs/Wk <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Employment _____ # Mos/Yr |

* Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Accepted *

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D YES NO**All Questions Must Be Answered. Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Accepted.
Supporting Documents Must Be Attached For Verification**

- ☐ ☐ 1. Are you currently participating in the Food Stamp Program?
- ☐ ☐ 2. Are you currently receiving/have you received assistance for child care with a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Transitional Child Care (TCC) grant through the Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Program within the last two years? If yes, indicate when benefits do/did expire by entering Month, Day and Year ____/____/____ and TANF case number: _____
- ☐ ☐ 3. Is your family an active case with the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) and are the children for whom you are requesting subsidy residing with you? If yes, please give the name of the office: _____
- ☐ ☐ 4. Are you currently receiving a TANF grant? If yes, please indicate the TANF case number: _____
- ☐ ☐ 5. Do you or a member of your family have a chronic medical problem for which child care is recommended as part of a treatment/rehabilitation plan? If yes, indicate the name of the individual/agency authorizing the treatment plan and telephone number:
Agency Name: _____ Telephone #: () _____
- ☐ ☐ 6. Are you the head of the household in which you reside?
- ☐ ☐ 7. Are you currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless?
- ☐ ☐ 8. Are the children for whom you are requesting child care assistance in a DYFS foster home, DYFS para-foster home, or DYFS pre-adoptive home. **If you are employed or participating in a school or training program, proof must be attached for DYFS purposes.**
- ☐ ☐ 9. Do you receive any cash or voucher assistance to specifically pay for housing?
- ☐ ☐ 10. Are you requesting assistance because the County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services (CWA/BSS) informed you that you are ineligible for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Transitional Child Care (TCC) Program?
11. I understand that I am applying to the agency for: ☐ **VOUCHER** payment assistance ☐ **CONTRACTED** services in a community-based center
12. Do all of the children in this family have health insurance benefits? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If NO, do you wish to receive an application for NJ Family Care? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E**Children
Information****Include Each Child Needing Child Care Service and for Whom Assistance Requested.
Use Addendum Form to Provide Information for Additional Children.****FULL NAME OF CHILD NO. 1****SOCIAL SECURITY NO.****DATE OF BIRTH**

(Last) (First) (M.I.) (9 Digit Number) (Mo./Dy./Yr.)

The following information is needed for statistical purposes. Check one or more of the appropriate boxes to indicate applicant response.

RACE: ☐ American Indian or Alaskan ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White

ETHNICITY: Hispanic/Latino: ☐ Yes ☐ No **SEX:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

Indicate the hour/days/duration for which child care is needed: _____

Child has a special need: ☐ No ☐ Yes **If yes, state special need and attach verification:** _____

Child is a US citizen or a qualified alien? ☐ No ☐ Yes **If yes, attach verification (copy of Social Security Card and Birth Certificate or, if applicable, Resident Alien Card)**

AGENCY USE: Status (Check One): ☐ Denied ☐ Approved ☐ Waiting List ☐ Pending

DYFS USE: (Enter the NJ Spirit Case No.) _____ Program: _____ Code: _____ Component: _____

Assessed Co-Payment (Enter and Circle One): \$ _____ Wk. _____ Mo. _____ Enrollment Date: ____/____/____

FULL NAME OF CHILD NO. 2**SOCIAL SECURITY NO.****DATE OF BIRTH**

(Last) (First) (M.I.) (9 Digit Number) (Mo./Dy./Yr.)

The following information is needed for statistical purposes. Check one or more of the appropriate boxes to indicate applicant response.

RACE: ☐ American Indian or Alaskan ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White

ETHNICITY: Hispanic/Latino: ☐ Yes ☐ No **SEX:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

Indicate the hour/days/duration for which child care is needed: _____

Child has a special need: ☐ No ☐ Yes **If yes, state special need and attach verification:** _____

Child is a US citizen or a qualified alien? ☐ No ☐ Yes **If yes, attach verification (copy of Social Security Card and Birth Certificate or, if applicable, Resident Alien Card)**

AGENCY USE: Status (Check One): ☐ Denied ☐ Approved ☐ Waiting List ☐ Pending

DYFS USE: (Enter the NJ Spirit Case No.) _____ Program: _____ Code: _____ Component: _____

Assessed Co-Payment (Enter and Circle One): \$ _____ Wk. _____ Mo. _____ Enrollment Date: ____/____/____

FULL NAME OF CHILD NO. 3**SOCIAL SECURITY NO.****DATE OF BIRTH**

(Last) (First) (M.I.) (9 Digit Number) (Mo./Dy./Yr.)

The following information is needed for statistical purposes. Check one or more of the appropriate boxes to indicate applicant response.

RACE: ☐ American Indian or Alaskan ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White

ETHNICITY: Hispanic/Latino: ☐ Yes ☐ No **SEX:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

Indicate the hour/days/duration for which child care is needed: _____

Child has a special need: ☐ No ☐ Yes **If yes, state special need and attach verification:** _____

Child is a US citizen or a qualified alien? ☐ No ☐ Yes **If yes, attach verification (copy of Social Security Card and Birth Certificate or, if applicable, Resident Alien Card)**

AGENCY USE: Status (Check One): ☐ Denied ☐ Approved ☐ Waiting List ☐ Pending

DYFS USE: (Enter the NJ Spirit Case No.) _____ Program: _____ Code: _____ Component: _____

Assessed Co-Payment (Enter and Circle One): \$ _____ Wk. _____ Mo. _____ Enrollment Date: ____/____/____

**You May Be Required to Provide Additional Proof of Family Size, Income, Citizenship or Residency to Verify Eligibility.
Supporting Documentation Required May Include Most Current IRS Form 1040, Utility Bill or Birth Certificate.**

Child Care and Early Education Service Eligibility Application Certification

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I (we) hereby certify that all of the information provided is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. I (we) know that submitting false information about my (our) situation, failing to give the necessary information or causing others to hold back information is against the law and may subject me (us) to prosecution. I (we) also understand that:

- Acceptance of child care financial assistance is not for my (our) personal use or expenses and that federal, state and local public funds are and will be used as payment for costs that are directly associated with services rendered by a child care provider.
- It is unlawful to obtain financial assistance for child care services by providing any false or misleading information, including but not limited to information about my eligibility and/or information that relates to child attendance for provider records, sign-in sheets or voucher payment forms. Examples of unlawful behavior include, but are not limited to:
 - Failing to accurately report all sources of my (our) income. Examples include, but are not limited to not reporting multiple sources of income, or an increase or decrease in wage/salary, child support payments, or alimony, or any other income.
 - Failing to accurately report the amount of my income. Examples include, but are not limited to reporting the accurate amount(s) of income from self-employment; rent from property ownership or changing or altering pay stub information.
 - Failing to accurately report the number of household members. Examples include, but are not limited to failing to report that my spouse or another parent/guardian is living in the household.
 - Pre-signing and dating voucher certification forms, sign-in sheets or other provider records used to track and verify child attendance.
 - Failing to accurately verify child attendance on voucher payment records/forms within the reporting timeframes.
- This information is being given in connection with federal, state and local public funds and will be used through computer matching programs to confirm the accuracy of my (our) statements and verify my (our) income, resources and need for child care assistance, as warranted.
- Providing the requested information, including the Social Security Numbers of Parent(s)/Applicant(s), is voluntary. Agency staff may use my (our) names and Social Security information with federal and state agencies and other sources deemed necessary for official examination. However, copies of birth certificates, social security and qualified alien resident cards, if applicable, are required for all children for whom subsidy services are being requested.
- Failure to provide or deliberate misrepresentation of required information will result in the denial of my (our) application, termination of child care benefits to the family and referral to federal, state or local agencies for criminal or civil court action, garnishment of wages or tax intercept, as well as private claims collection agencies for claims action involving repayment and recovery of funds.
- Providing false or misleading information in connection with my (our) application for child care financial assistance, and/or failing to report within ten days any change in my (our) family size or family income or any other circumstances that might change my (our) eligibility, such as work/school/training status, may result in the termination of my (our) child care subsidy and make me (us) ineligible to apply for and/or receive subsidized child care for a period of six months for the first violation; for a period of 12 months for a second violation; and permanent disqualification for the third violation.
- If I receive financial assistance as a result of false or misleading information, I (we) may be responsible to repay the costs of child care and may be subject to a civil fine and possible criminal prosecution.
- I (we) understand that in order to verify my (our) income and service need, an agency representative may need to contact my (our) employer(s). I (we) hereby authorize my (our) employer(s) to release information regarding my (our) income, pay scale, hours and schedule of work to the agency to which I am applying.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Unsigned applications cannot be processed. A copy of this document will be provided to you for your records.

DYFS USE ONLY

DYFS Case Manager Name and Number: _____ Date: _____

Note: _____

SAR has been completed; voucher payments for DYFS/CPS child care services are approved for the period ____ / ____ / ____ thru ____ / ____ / ____

DYFS Voucher Payment Authorization Signature: _____ Date: _____

CCR&R or CENTER-BASED CONTRACTED (CBC) PROVIDER USE ONLY:

Check One: ☐ Initial Application ☐ Re-determination Certification Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Family Size: _____ Annual Family Income: \$ _____

Family's Total Assessed Co-Payment, if applicable (Enter Amt. and Check One): \$ _____ ☐ WEEK ☐ MONTH

Check One: ☐ DENIED ☐ APPROVED ☐ PENDING

Staff Member Certification: _____ Date: _____

Note: _____

Name of CCR&R or CBC Provider: _____



Child Care and Early Education Service Eligibility Application

STATE OF NEW JERSEY • DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

Parent/Applicant Name: _____
Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Complete for Each Additional Child for Whom You Are Requesting Subsidy

| 4 | FULL NAME OF CHILD NO. 4 | SOCIAL SECURITY NO. | DATE OF BIRTH |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------|
| | (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (9 Digit Number) _____ (Mo./Dy./Yr.) _____ | | |
| | <i>The following information is needed for statistical purposes. Check one or more of the appropriate boxes to indicate applicant response.</i> | | |
| | RACE: <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White | | |
| | ETHNICITY: Hispanic/Latino: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No SEX: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | |
| | Indicate the hour/days/duration for which child care is needed: _____ | | |
| | Child has a special need: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, state special need and attach verification: _____ | | |
| | Child is a US citizen or a qualified alien? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, attach verification (copy of Social Security Card and Birth Certificate or, if applicable, Resident Alien Card) | | |
| | AGENCY USE: Status (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting List <input type="checkbox"/> Pending | | |
| | DYFS USE: (Enter the NJ Spirit Case No.) _____ Program: _____ Code: _____ Component: _____ | | |
| | Assessed Co-Payment (Enter and Circle One): \$ _____ Wk. _____ Mo. _____ Enrollment Date: ____/____/____ | | |
| 5 | FULL NAME OF CHILD NO. 5 | SOCIAL SECURITY NO. | DATE OF BIRTH |
| | (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (9 Digit Number) _____ (Mo./Dy./Yr.) _____ | | |
| | <i>The following information is needed for statistical purposes. Check one or more of the appropriate boxes to indicate applicant response.</i> | | |
| | RACE: <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White | | |
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| | DYFS USE: (Enter the NJ Spirit Case No.) _____ Program: _____ Code: _____ Component: _____ | | |
| | Assessed Co-Payment (Enter and Circle One): \$ _____ Wk. _____ Mo. _____ Enrollment Date: ____/____/____ | | |
| 6 | FULL NAME OF CHILD NO. 6 | SOCIAL SECURITY NO. | DATE OF BIRTH |
| | (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (9 Digit Number) _____ (Mo./Dy./Yr.) _____ | | |
| | <i>The following information is needed for statistical purposes. Check one or more of the appropriate boxes to indicate applicant response.</i> | | |
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| | ETHNICITY: Hispanic/Latino: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No SEX: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | |
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| | Child is a US citizen or a qualified alien? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, attach verification (copy of Social Security Card and Birth Certificate or, if applicable, Resident Alien Card) | | |
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| | DYFS USE: (Enter the NJ Spirit Case No.) _____ Program: _____ Code: _____ Component: _____ | | |
| | Assessed Co-Payment (Enter and Circle One): \$ _____ Wk. _____ Mo. _____ Enrollment Date: ____/____/____ | | |
| 7 | FULL NAME OF CHILD NO. 7 | SOCIAL SECURITY NO. | DATE OF BIRTH |
| | (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (9 Digit Number) _____ (Mo./Dy./Yr.) _____ | | |
| | <i>The following information is needed for statistical purposes. Check one or more of the appropriate boxes to indicate applicant response.</i> | | |
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| | Indicate the hour/days/duration for which child care is needed: _____ | | |
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| | Assessed Co-Payment (Enter and Circle One): \$ _____ Wk. _____ Mo. _____ Enrollment Date: ____/____/____ | | |



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

NJ CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Application Addendum

All families receiving a subsidy through the NJ Child Care Subsidy Program must provide the following information:

Are your family assets worth more than \$1,000,000? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Note: Assets may include but are not limited to, personal bank accounts, business accounts, real estate, and personal property.

If the primary language spoken in your home is **not** English, please specify that language: _____

Is the Applicant:

On Full-Time Active Military Duty ☐ No ☐ Yes
In the National Guard/Military Reserve ☐ No ☐ Yes
Self-Employed ☐ No ☐ Yes

Is there a Co-Applicant? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, are they:

On Full-Time Active Military Duty ☐ No ☐ Yes
In the National Guard/Military Reserve ☐ No ☐ Yes
Self-Employed ☐ No ☐ Yes

Are you homeless based on one or more of the following? ☐ No ☐ Yes

- Living in an emergency or transitional shelter.
- Staying in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground or sharing housing with other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason.
- Living in a car, bus/train station, park, abandoned building.
- Living or sleeping in any public or private place that is not normally used as a residence or as a regular sleeping accommodation.
- Living in substandard housing (i.e. no electricity, running water, etc.).

I hereby certify that all of the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that submitting false or misleading information, intentionally omitting information or intentionally causing others to omit or fail to report information is cause for denial or termination from the child care program and I may be subject to all legal and equitable remedies.

Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

Date

Co-Applicant Name

Co-Applicant Signature

Date

DISCRIMINATION

This program prohibits discrimination in determining eligibility for child care assistance.

If you believe you have been discriminated against by the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program because of race, color, disability, religion, national origin or another reason, you can contact:
Office of the Director, Division of Family Development, N.J. Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 716, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

ATTENTION: If you need your copy reduced because of a change in your family circumstances, please submit this form within **10 DAYS** of the change.

Today's Date:

CC-198 (Rev. 4/17)

Month / Day / Year

New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE FORM

Instructions – Notify your Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R) of any changes by completing and submitting this form to the address listed below.

Name of Applicant: _____ Address: _____

Please email this form to:

Name of Co-Applicant: _____

Norwescap Child and Family Resource Services
cfrsapplications@norwescap.org

Family Identifier: _____

The Below Change Occurred on:

Month / Day / Year

☐ I Need a Copay Reassessment

STATUS CHANGE

☐ Termination of Employment/School/Training: _____

(Name of Employer, School/Training Site)

☐ Medical Leave/Family Leave/Maternity Leave

☐ Seasonal Work/ School Break

☐ Reduced Hours/School/Training

New Weekly Hours: _____ New School Credits (Total): _____

☐ Wage Reduction or Increase

New Wage Amount: _____ ☐ Weekly ☐ Bi-weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Other _____

Policy Reminder – Families with income that exceeds 85% of State Median Income during the eligibility period will not be eligible for child care assistance.

The information in the chart below is based on the FY 2016 Annual Update of the Department of Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines and FY 2020 Department of Justice Census Bureau data on Median Family Income by Family Size.

| If Your Family Size is | ⇒ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|---------------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Your Income Cannot Exceed | ⇒ | \$61,150 | \$75,234 | \$95,554 | \$114,193 | \$121,843 | \$129,493 | \$137,143 | \$144,793 | \$152,443 | \$160,093 | \$167,743 | \$175,393 |

HOUSEHOLD SIZE CHANGE

☐ New Birth or Adoption

☐ Eligible Dependent (Adult Over age 18)

☐ Marriage

☐ Divorce/Separation

☐ Death

☐ Other: _____

| Household Size Change | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Name | DOB | Sex | SSN | Add | Remove | | | | | | |
| Child | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| Child | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| Co-Applicant | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |
| Dependent | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |

This is to certify that I experienced the above change and wish to update my family status as indicated on this form.

- I understand that if I wish to have my co-pay reassessed due to a change in circumstance,
- .
- I understand that DFD or its designee reserves the right to verify status changes during the eligibility period and that I may be required to provide documentation according to child care policy.
- I understand that I could face adverse action, which may include termination of child care services and payment recoupment if I misrepresent any information provided on this form.

Applicant Signature

Date

Co-Applicant Signature

Date

AGENCY USE ONLY:

CCR&R Authorizing Signature

Date



Looking for Quality Child Care?

We are here to help you! Let's discuss your childcare options and the new Grow New Jersey and Quality Child Care Initiatives.

Our Family Engagement Specialist at your local CCR&R will be happy to help between the hours of 8:00 am–4:30 pm. Call your specialist today to review these exciting new changes!

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Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
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Child & Family Resource Services
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Finding Quality Child Care

Finding a Quality Child Care or Early Learning Program

Research shows that children who are in quality child care and early learning programs when they are young are better prepared for kindergarten with better reading skills, more math skills and larger vocabularies.

Grow NJ Kids, New Jersey's Quality Rating Improvement System, is working to raise the quality of child care and early learning across the state of New Jersey.

For parents, it provides information on selecting a quality provider to help them make the most of their kids' early learning opportunities.

For child care and early learning programs, it provides resources that help them raise their quality and continuously improve their program.

There are many types of child care or early learning programs to choose from. Some are in a school, others in a child care center or in someone's home.

Home Based Settings:

Family Child Care

This type of care is provided in someone's home. In New Jersey, a provider can care for no more than five children, plus a maximum of three of their own children. Home providers can choose to be registered, which means they meet the basic safety and programs requirements established by state law. This registration also allows these in-home providers to accept payments from families participating in government-subsidized child care assistance programs.

In-Home Care

In this type of care, a person comes to your home to care for your child. This provider might offer other services such as light housekeeping, starting or making dinner or driving your child to lessons or play dates. Although you may use an agency to find such a provider, they are neither regulated nor licensed by the state and cannot participate in Grow NJ Kids.



Center- and School-Based Settings:

Child Care Centers

Licensed by the state of New Jersey, these facilities are inspected every two years and must meet basic health, safety, program and staffing requirements. They can care for six or more children from the age of 6 weeks to 13 years. There are many types of licensed child care centers, including but not limited to infant/toddler programs, early care and education programs and school-age programs. Licensed centers also may choose to meet more rigorous, research-based or accreditation standards. (There also are license-exempt centers, such as programs that are part of a public school district or private school.)

Head Start & Early Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start programs support the mental, social and emotional development of children from birth to age 5. In addition to education services, programs provide children and their families with health, nutrition, social and other services.

School District Preschool Programs

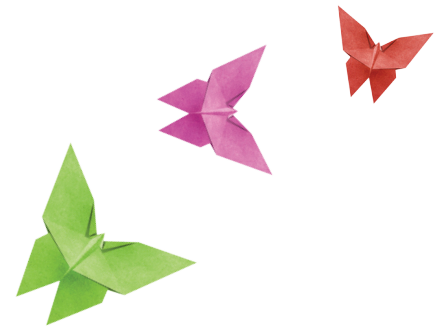
School districts provide research-based preschool programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, that may be located within a school district site, a private provider or a local Head Start agency.

Special Services School Districts

These districts provide options for preschool students with special needs and were developed to address the educational and developmental needs of children ages 3-5. Typically, these districts are comprised of three types of classes: classes that educate 4-year-old students who have special needs in the same classroom as those students who do not have special needs; preschool classes for students with Individualized Educational Programs and the need for smaller groups sizes and more individualized programming; and classes with highly specialized instruction for students with autism and students with hearing impairments.



When visiting a child care or early learning program, there are questions you can ask to help you determine which program is best for your child and family. These questions are based on indicators of quality that are embedded in the Grow NJ Kids standards.



Safe, Healthy Learning Environment

- ☐ Is there regular communication between program staff/teachers and parents? How is the information communicated (email, phone calls, letters sent home with child)?
- ☐ Is the space clean?
- ☐ Do you see staff and children washing their hands before and after meals and diapering? Is the facility safe and secure?
- ☐ Is the outdoor play space safe, clean, free of litter and broken glass?
- ☐ What meals are provided by the program? Are children allowed to bring their own food for religious or dietary reasons?
- ☐ Does the program have an oral health or a tooth brushing policy?
- ☐ Does the program check the children's eyes, hearing, teeth, and growth by providing screenings?
- ☐ Does the program support breastfeeding (breast milk storage/ place to breastfeed)?
- ☐ Are children of different ages cared for together or are they grouped by age?
- ☐ How are children supervised during different situations (sleep or outside play)?

Curriculum and Learning Environment

- ☐ How many children will be in your child's class/group? What are the ages of the children in the classroom/home?
- ☐ Is there a daily schedule?
- ☐ Does the daily schedule incorporate both indoor and outdoor play opportunities?
- ☐ Do you observe positive, warm and nurturing teacher-child interactions and conversations while in the classroom/home?
- ☐ Do you see children interacting with each other?
- ☐ Do the children have access to books and other materials?
- ☐ Are the children read to each day?
- ☐ Does the program use a research-based curriculum (age appropriate for infants and young children)?
- ☐ Are children given "free play" time (For example, are children allowed to choose the book they'd like to read or what activity they'd like to do)?

Family and Community Engagement

- ☐ Does the program have an open door policy? Are parents allowed to visit at any time?
- ☐ Does the program make community resources (events, information regarding services) available to families?
- ☐ Does the program embrace your child's home language in the classroom/home and/or in the materials being used?
- ☐ Does the program share information about activities/lessons being worked on so parents can reinforce at home? For infants, is there a daily log?

- ☐ Does the program have opportunities for parents to volunteer in the classroom/home?
- ☐ Does the program offer parent workshops?
- ☐ Does the program have a parent council or parent group?

Workforce/Professional Development

- ☐ What is the education level of the staff?
- ☐ How long have the staff been employed with the program?
- ☐ What types of trainings do staff attend each year?
- ☐ How many staff have received Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid training?
- ☐ If the program uses a research-based curriculum, have the staff had formal curriculum training?

Administration and Management

- ☐ Does the program have a current child care license or family child care registration? (If applicable, as some school district programs are not required to have a child care license.)
- ☐ What is the tuition/cost? Other fees?
- ☐ Does the program have a parent handbook that outlines policies and procedures including child illness/sickness, emergencies, discipline?
- ☐ Is the program director on site during operating hours?
- ☐ What is the daily child check-in and check-out policy when dropping off and picking up your child?
- ☐ Is the program enrolled in Grow NJ Kids?

