




Publicly Funded Child Care Overview

Applications for service will be reviewed within 30 days of the date the agency receives the application.
 Applicants will receive a Notice of Approval or Denial after eligibility is determined.
 Verifications should be submitted with applications or no later than the 30th day.

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Ages Served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Newborn - 12 years
Program Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Centers and Type A Homes: Licensed by Ohio Department of Job and Family Services * Type B Homes: Certified by Hamilton County Job and Family Services * Higher quality standards <u>may</u> be provided above the State's licensing requirements * Some Hamilton County centers are participating in (More stars = higher standards met) 
Eligibility Requirements (Overview only; does not include all eligibility requirements.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Applicants must meet the family size and income guidelines set by the state of Ohio in order to be approved * Initial income: At or below 125% FPL * Review income: At or below 200% FPL * Activity: Work, school, training, or approved OWF activity <p>Note: Post-secondary education and training activities must be through an accredited institution of higher education, an institution that has a certificate issued or has authorization from the Ohio board of regents, or an institution that has a registration from the state board of school and college registration. The course of study must lead to a degree, diploma or license.</p>
Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Eligible families pay a fee based on their household size and income * Fee are established by the State of Ohio * Co-payment fees must be paid to the Child Care provider (Homes/Centers) <p>Note: If delinquent co-payments are reported, action to terminate your case will begin. Be sure to get a receipt from the provider for any co-payment fees paid.</p>
Providers & Care Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Categories of care are based on verified activities and travel time issued. * If needed, a child may use more than one provider. Each child may only use a maximum of two providers during any given service week. * Parents/Guardians are responsible for communicating changes in care hours to their provider. Verification will be required for changes in verified activities.
Program Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Take the notice of approval to the provider * Report your choice of provider at www.hcjfs.org/ChildCareConnection.htm * An Ohio ECC (Electronic Child Care) swipe card will be mailed to you, use it to report your child's attendance at the provider * Pay the co-payment fee. Fee due dates should be discussed with the provider.