

HOW DO I APPLY FOR SUBSIDIES?

You can apply for the child care subsidy program online or in person.

ONLINE

You can complete the entire application online using a computer or mobile device. The application is hosted on a secure platform and is available in multiple languages.

After you submit your online application, you will receive an email connecting you to your eligibility worker. You must schedule an interview with your eligibility worker to complete the application process. The interview can be conducted by phone or video meeting.

If your family is currently receiving subsidies, you can also use the online application to complete the annual eligibility redetermination process.

The application is available at data.osse.dc.gov/childcare-subsidy/.

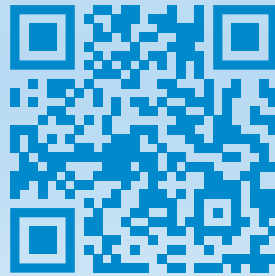
IN PERSON

If you prefer to apply in person, you can visit the DC Department of Human Services (DHS) or a Level II provider to complete the application and intake process. More information on when, where and how to apply in person is available at osse.dc.gov/subsidy.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED SUPPORT?

Support is available to families who have questions about the child care subsidy program or need assistance completing the application.

You may visit [DC DHS](https://dc.dhs.gov) or a [Level II child care provider facility](#) provider in person for support or contact [DC Child Care Connections](#) at (202) 829-2500 or osse.dcchildcareconnections@dc.gov.



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NEED SUPPORT PAYING FOR CHILD CARE?

THE DC CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM CAN HELP.



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WHAT IS THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM?

The child care subsidy program helps DC families pay for the cost of child care. The program supports families with low and moderate incomes to access high-quality early education and care in the District. If your family is eligible, the program will pay all or part of your child care costs directly to the child care provider. You may be required to pay a portion of the cost, based on your household income. Families can use child care subsidies to pay for care at an Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)-licensed child development facility that accepts vouchers.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES?

Eligibility is based on an assessment of your family's need, income and size. Most families qualify for child care subsidies by meeting income eligibility requirements and demonstrating a need for child care while the child's parent(s) or primary caregiver(s) are at work or in school. In addition to income-eligible working families, child care assistance is also available for:

- Families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits;
- Teen parents seeking a high school degree or its equivalent;
- Children in foster care or protective services;
- Children of an adult with disabilities; and
- Children of families experiencing homelessness.

For more information on eligibility, visit:

osse.dc.gov/subsidy.

If you believe your family meets the criteria to receive child care subsidies, your next step is to apply.

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM INCOME ALLOWED FOR SUBSIDY BENEFITS?

Families with incomes up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level may be eligible to receive child care subsidies. If your family income is below the income indicated in the chart below for your family size, you may want to consider applying for subsidies.

Family Size	Maximum Annual Income for Initial Eligibility
2	\$59,160
3	\$74,580
4	\$90,000
5	\$105,420
6	\$120,840
7	\$136,260
8	\$151,680
9	\$167,100
10	\$182,520

