



Quality CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

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All families deserve high quality child care for their children. Children of all abilities and backgrounds deserve care that is safe, and an environment that is nurturing and stimulates learning.

What is CCCAP?

The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) provides financial assistance to low-income families that are working, searching for employment or in training, and families that are enrolled in the Colorado Works Program and need child care services to support their efforts toward self-sufficiency.

How To Apply:

- 1. Contact the county department of social services of the county that you live in.** You will need to fill out an application and provide information about your income, work, or school program.
- 2. Submit Employment Information.** You will have 30 days to supply written verification of your employment or education program. Your child care worker may also contact your employer by phone to verify hours and wages when you apply for low-income child care assistance.
- 3. Choose a Child Care Provider.** You can select a licensed child care center, a family home provider, a friend, neighbor, or relative. Visit the Qualistar Early Learning website at www.qualistar.org to help you find quality care.

Parental Fees:

You are required to pay a portion of your child care costs. This is called the parental fee. The amount paid is based on your gross income and the number of people in your household. The fee should be paid directly to your provider at the beginning of each month. If you fail to pay the parental fee, child care benefits may end and you could be unable to receive benefits in the future.

Providers cannot charge you in excess of the county's rate for your authorized child care even though their rates for private clients may be higher than the county's rate.

- 4. Notify the County of any Changes.** You must notify your child care assistance worker of any change in your employment or income within 30 days of the change. Most counties require that you give them that information in writing. Changes may impact your eligibility.
- 5. Redetermination Forms.** You will be sent a redetermination form every 6 months. This form, along with verification of income and schedule for work/school, is required for the county to determine if you still meet the eligibility requirements of the program.

For more information and county eligibility levels contact:
 Colorado Division of Child Care
 1575 Sherman, Denver, CO 80203
 (303) 866-5958
www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare