

# Working Connections Child Care

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) helps eligible families pay for child care. When a family qualifies for child care subsidy benefits and chooses an eligible provider, the state pays a portion of the cost of child care. Parents may be responsible for a copayment to their provider each month.



## Basic Eligibility Requirements

### for Child Care Subsidy Benefits

- ✓ The child must be a U.S. citizen, legal resident, or otherwise eligible for federal benefits
- ✓ The family with whom the child resides must live in Washington State
- ✓ The family's income must be at or below 60% of the State Median Income (SMI) at application or 65% of SMI when reapplying
- ✓ The family must have resources under \$1 million

- ✓ Child Care Subsidy helps pay for child care while the parent, or parents in a two-parent household, participate in an approved activity. Approved activities include:
  - Employment or self-employed in legal, income-generating, taxable activities
  - Activities approved under the parents WorkFirst or BFET plan
  - Education activities include:
    - High school or high school equivalency programs for parents ages 21 and younger
    - Attending community, technical, or tribal college full-time and seeking an associate or vocational degree
    - Attending community, technical, or tribal colleges part-time and seeking an associate or vocational degree AND working 20 hours per week
- ✓ Families experiencing homelessness may be approved for up to 12 months to help resolve issues surrounding homelessness

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## Income Eligibility

The maximum household income is 60% of the State Median Income (SMI).  
The maximum monthly income limit by household size is listed below:

Family Size	0 to 20% State Median Income <i>NO COPAY</i>	More than 20% to 36% State Median Income <i>\$65 COPAY</i>	More than 36% to 50% State Median Income <i>\$90 COPAY</i>	More than 50% to 60% State Median Income <i>\$115 COPAY</i>
1	\$0-\$882	\$883-\$1,588	\$1,589-\$2,205	\$2,206-\$2,646
2	\$0-\$1,153	\$1,154-\$2,076	\$2,077-\$2,883	\$2,884-\$3,460
3	\$0-\$1,425	\$1,426-\$2,565	\$2,566-\$3,562	\$3,563-\$4,274
4	\$0-\$1,696	\$1,697-\$3,053	\$3,054-\$4,240	\$4,241-\$5,088
5	\$0-\$1,968	\$1,969-\$3,542	\$3,543-\$4,919	\$4,920-\$5,903
6	\$0-\$2,239	\$2,240-\$4,030	\$4,031-\$5,597	\$5,598-\$6,717
7	\$0-\$2,290	\$2,291-\$4,122	\$4,123-\$5,725	\$5,726-\$6,869
8	\$0-\$2,341	\$2,342-\$4,213	\$4,214-\$5,852	\$5,853-\$7,022
9	\$0-\$2,392	\$2,393-\$4,305	\$4,306-\$5,979	\$5,980-\$7,175
10	\$0-\$2,442	\$2,443-\$4,396	\$4,397-\$6,106	\$6,107-\$7,327

Use the chart above to determine if your family may be eligible for WCCC and to determine your approximate copayment. Example: If your household consists of yourself, your spouse, and two children, your household size is four. If your income is \$4,100, your copayment would be \$90 per month.

- Copay Calculation Table - Effective October 1, 2021:  
[www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/copay\\_calculation\\_table.pdf](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/copay_calculation_table.pdf)

## Application Process

The parent must complete the WCCC application and verification process.

- Families can apply by contacting the Child Care Subsidy Contact Center at 1-844-626-8687 or online at [www.WashingtonConnection.org](http://www.WashingtonConnection.org)
- DCYF gathers and reviews information to determine a family's eligibility
- Families will need to provide DCYF with the name and phone number of the child care provider. You do not have to have a provider before applying for child care subsidy

## Questions?

Families or parents with questions about their copayment may call the **DCYF Child Care Contact Center** at **1-844-626-8687**.

More information on WCCC eligibility can be found online at [www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/earlylearning-childcare/getting-help/wccc](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/earlylearning-childcare/getting-help/wccc).

