

Department of Children's Services

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New Jersey Cares for Kids Child Care Subsidy Program

Attached is a New Jersey Cares for Kids (NJCK) Child Care and Early Education Service Eligibility application. Please take a moment to read the following information regarding the Eligibility Requirements for the NJCK Subsidy Program. Be sure to complete the application in its entirety and submit all supporting documents. Incomplete applications will be returned. The State of New Jersey requires original signatures and paystubs. Accordingly, faxes are not permissible.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Must be a Camden County Resident
- 2) Must meet Income Guidelines (see chart)
- 3) Must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Work at least 30 hours per week
 - Enrolled as a Full Time Student (12 or more credits)
 - Attend Vocational School (20 or more hours per week)
 - Combination of work and school (equaling 30 hours or more per week)



INCOME GUIDELINES:

Maximum Allowable Annual Family Gross Income
(Represents 200% of the 2014 Federal Poverty Index)

Family Size	Yearly Income
2	\$ 31,460
3	\$ 39,580
4	\$ 47,700
5	\$ 55,820
6	\$63,940
7	\$72,060

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How do I submit my application? All applications and supporting documents may be submitted by mail or dropped off to the Department of Children's Services located at 512 Lakeland Rd - Suite 200 in Blackwood, NJ 08012. The office hours are 8:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

How will I know the status of my application? All notifications concerning your application, including requests for additional documents, will be made in writing. For this reason, it is important to let us know if your address changes.

How will I know if I have been approved for subsidy? If you are determined eligible and funds are available, you will receive Preliminary Parent/Applicant/Provider Agreements (Preliminary PAPAs) and a Parent Handbook. You and your selected child care provider will need to fill out, sign, and date the Preliminary PAPAs and return them to our agency. Upon receipt, your assigned caseworker will then issue you a child care contract.

How will my subsidy be administered? All payments are issued through an Electronic Child Care System (ECC). For this reason, you will be required to record your attendance daily by using an ECC swipe machine or by calling in via the IVR phone system. Payment is made directly to the provider based on your daily use of the ECC system. Failure to use the ECC system will result in an unpaid balance to the provider which you will be responsible to pay and it may also result in the termination of your child care subsidy.



Child Care and Early Education Service Eligibility Application



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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.

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.**



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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.)

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: ____/____/____

5 FULL NAME OF CHILD NO. 5 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)**

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 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.)

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

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 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)**

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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.)

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: ____/____/____

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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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: _____

NJCK Application Requirements Checklist

WORK/ACTIVITY

EMPLOYMENT

- **Paystubs:** for the most recent, consecutive four weeks of work indicating hours worked and salary (*4 paystubs if paid weekly or 2 paystubs if paid bi-weekly*). If no hours are indicated, you will need to supply a letter from your employer on company letterhead stating the number of hours worked per week.
- **If Self-Employed:** a copy of your recent tax return including IRS forms 1040 and Schedule C.
- **Beginning or Returning to Work:** a letter on company letterhead indicating:
 - ◇ Start or Return to work date
 - ◇ Rate of Pay
 - ◇ Hours Per Week

COLLEGE

- **Official Course Schedule:** indicating the following:
 - ◇ Semester dates
 - ◇ Number of credits per class

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

- **Enrollment Letter:** school letterhead indicating:
 - ◇ Type of training
 - ◇ Start and end date
 - ◇ Hours attended per week

HIGH SCHOOL

- **Enrollment Letter:** from school Guidance Office indicating projected graduation date.

ADDITIONAL INCOME

CHILD SUPPORT

- **Court Ordered:** Provide a copy of the most recent screen for each support case you have. Include 12-month child support payment / disbursement histories for all applicable dependents.
- **Not Court Ordered:** Provide a signed notarized letter indicating the amount and frequency of payments.

UNEMPLOYMENT

SOCIAL SECURITY

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

(For each child counted in family size)

- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Copy of Social Security Card

Possible Additional Documents

- Copy of Utility Bill to verify residency
- Divorce or custody papers verifying one parent's residency outside of applicant's home.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ⇒ Original applications must be submitted by mail or in person. Faxes are not permissible.
- ⇒ Above information must also be included for a co-applicant.
- ⇒ Incomplete applications or applications missing any supporting documentation will be returned.