

Child Care Subsidy Programs

The Subsidy Programs

The **Working Connections Child Care (WCCC)** program pays for child care subsidies to eligible households with parents who are working or are participating in a Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) approved work activity at the time of application (e.g., employment, self-employment, certain types of school, activities associated with TANF, tribal TANF or food assistance programs).

The **Seasonal Child Care (SCC)** program pays for child care subsidies to eligible families who have seasonal agricultural employment, live in designated counties and are not receiving TANF benefits.

How to Apply

- Online at www.washingtonconnection.org
- By phone at 1-844-626-8687
- Paper applications can be picked up in any Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Community Services Office and submitted by:
 - Fax to 877-309-9747
 - Mail to P.O. Box 11346, Tacoma, WA 98411-9903
 - Dropping them off at the Community Services Office

When to Apply

Apply for services as soon as you know you will need them. Your benefits start no earlier than the date you apply. You will have 30 days to complete the application process.

What May Be Needed When Applying?

- Verification of all sources of regular income – total household income must be less than 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) for new applicants
- Work schedules for applicants
- School schedules for children in school
- Verification of citizenship or legal residency for the children in care
- Custody verification if you are a temporary or permanent legal guardian

If You Qualify

You will receive an eligibility letter, which will tell you the dates that you are eligible and the amount of your monthly copayment.

Report who your child care provider is by phone, online or by fax.

- If you need help finding a provider, contact Child Care Aware at 1-800-446-1114, visit them online at <https://childcareawarewa.org/> or at a local Child Care Aware office.
- If you choose a family member, friend or neighbor (FFN) who does not have a child care license, they will need to complete a background check process through DCYF. For more information, contact DCYF at 1-866-482-4325, option #8.

