



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE?



What is subsidized child care?

The State and Federal governments have made funding available to assist qualifying parents in meeting their child care expenses. In Bucks County, subsidized child care is available for working families through the Child Care Information Service/Apple Child Care Services, Inc.

The Child Care Information Services of Bucks County

The Child Care Information Services (CCIS) of Bucks County, also known as Apple Child Care Services, is the subsidized child care agency for Bucks County. Eligible parents can choose an eligible child care provider and are assigned a weekly co-payment. The co-payment is paid each week to that provider and Apple will pay an allowable reimbursement rate, which, in most cases, is the remainder of the child care payments.

Do I qualify for subsidized child care?

In order to qualify for subsidized child care funding you and your spouse (if applicable) must:

- Work at least 20 hours per week. Parents attending a combination of school and work may also be eligible. Call for more details.
- Receive income within certain guidelines.
- Live in Bucks County
- If you are a teen parent attending school, a parent who has received TANF benefits within the last six months, or a parent who is disabled with a working spouse, please contact us at (800) 371-2109.

If you think you might be eligible, please call us at (800) 371-2109 and an Eligibility Specialist will assist you. You can also visit compass.state.pa.us to apply online or BucksChildCare.com to download an application. Call (888) 461-KIDS for help in surrounding counties.

Waiting List

If you are determined eligible for subsidized child care funding, you may be placed on the CCIS's waiting list. You will remain on the waiting list until there is available funding to enroll your children. If a waiting list exists, it is important to apply as soon as the need arises. Families are enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parent Choice

The subsidized child care program allows parents to choose any participating child care program. If you choose a provider that is not currently participating in the CCIS subsidy program, the CCIS will contact that provider to arrange for them to sign up for the program. You also have the option of choosing to have a relative or neighbor care for your child in their own home. **When seeking a child care provider please see enclosed information regarding Keystone Stars Providers.** These providers are particularly dedicated to quality child care.

If you need help finding a child care provider in your area, search online at compass.state.pa.us/childcaresearch. You may also call the CCIS of Bucks County at (800) 371-2109 or contact us online at BucksChildCare.com. Call (888) 461-KIDS for help in surrounding counties.

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| Family Size: Your family consists of you, your spouse and all children living in the household. | Yearly Gross Income: "Gross" is all money, earned (money from working) and unearned (such as child support), before taxes. | <u>IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS WHO FEEL THEY MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE:</u> The income guidelines are not the final consideration for the subsidized child care program, as there are a number of factors that are taken into account when determining your eligibility. If you believe that you may not be eligible for subsidized child care based on these income guidelines, you should still consider applying. You may be eligible after a <i>final and accurate</i> calculation of your gross income is conducted and any allowable deductions are considered. |
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| 2 (single parent with one child) | \$31,460 | |
| 3 | \$39,580 | |
| 4 | \$47,700 | |
| 5 | \$55,820 | |
| 6 | \$63,940 | |

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