

KINSHIP CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Kinship caregivers are people who have taken on the responsibility of caring for relatives' children, including but not limited to grandchildren, nieces, nephews and/or cousins. To be eligible to apply for a child care subsidy through the Kinship Child Care Program, applicants must meet the following:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Have a proven relationship with the relative child by blood, marriage or legal guardianship, and such person must be a relative with whom the dependent child is living
- 2. Child must be under the age of 13 (child with special needs must be under the age of 19)
- 3. Earn less than the maximum gross annual income guidelines according to family size and age

Gre	oss Annual Income	Gross Annual Income
Family Size (U	nder the age of 60)	(Over the age of 60)
2	\$71,540	\$102,200
3	\$90,370	\$129,100
4	\$109,200	\$156,000
5	\$128,030	\$182,900
6	\$146,860	\$209,800
For each additional child add:	\$18,830	\$26,900

- 4. Attend a pre-scheduled Child Care Assistance Program Orientation within 30 days
- 5. Meet one of the following criteria: (applicants under the age of 60)
 - *Work OR
 - *Attend School (online classes not accepted) OR
 - *Attend Training/Vocational School OR
 - *Combination of work and school

BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- -Applicant and Co-applicant identification
- -Copy of child's birth certificate and Social Security Card for each child in your family size
- -One month of recent paystubs (four if paid weekly or two if paid bi-weekly) and/or
- -School/training registration/verification (including start/end dates and days & hours/week)
- -Documentation of additional income including but not limited to second job, child support (showing past 6 months received), award letter for: SSI, Food Stamps, unemployment, disability benefits, alimony
- -DO NOT forget to include co-applicant and his/her documentation

PLEASE NOTE

- -There is no work/training/school requirement for applicants 60 years of age and older
- -Hours of child care authorized is determined by the applicant's number of hours of work or school or training participation
- -All applications will be verified via State databases for Child Support obligations and employment validations
- -All household earnings will be verified via the State's Wage Match process
- -Additional documents may be required

All applications must be complete and may be mailed, emailed or hand delivered to:

Rutgers Southern Regional CCR&R in your county of residence (see address below)



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New Jersey Child Care Assistance Program Overview and Application Instructions

As so many families know, child care costs can take up a lot of the monthly budget. The New Jersey Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) is funded by the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) and provides financial assistance for child care on behalf of eligible families. CCAP can help lower-income families who are working, in training or in school, or a combination of these activities, to pay a portion of their child care.

Applying for Child Care Assistance

As an applicant/co-applicant seeking child care assistance, you will be required to provide proof of income, training/school hours and family size to help determine eligibility. All required documents must be submitted to be considered for assistance.

Applicant/Co-Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a New Jersey resident;
- Must meet income requirements and not have assets that exceed \$1 million; and
- Must be working full time (30 hours or more a week), attending school full time (12 credits or more), in job training (at least 20 hours a week), or have a full-time equivalent combination of these activities to meet the requirement.

Child(ren) Eligibility Requirements

- Up to the age of 13, or less than age 19, if under the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency's (DCP&P) protective supervision or mentally or physically incapable of self-care;
- Must be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen; and
- Must reside with applicant/co-applicant (parent(s) or individual(s) acting as parent(s) (in loco parentis)).

Eligible Child Care Providers

- You can use your child care assistance at any licensed child care center, a registered family child care provider, approved home (in-home and family, friend or neighbor), school-based program or a summer youth camp that is approved by the state and accepts state payments.
- Eligible providers must comply with all Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) requirements including completing numerous health and safety trainings and required criminal background checks.

Completing and Submitting an Application

To get started, you must first complete, sign and submit the following application with all the required documents to your Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency. To find your local CCR&R, visit www.ChildCareNJ.gov/CCRR or call 1-800-332-9227.

What happens next if my application is approved?

If approved, your CCR&R will send you a Parent/Applicant and Provider Agreement (PAPA) for each child for whom child care assistance is requested. You must complete this form and return to your CCR&R within ten (10) calendar days. The PAPA must be signed by both the applicant/co-applicant and child care provider and returned to your CCR&R prior to the expiration date indicated. Your CCR&R cannot initiate child care assistance payments until this agreement is signed and returned. Initial child care assistance approval (your period of eligibility) is for 12 months, unless you request a shorter period of care. You will receive an Application for Redetermination from your CCR&R prior to the end of your period of eligibility.

For more about eligibility requirements, applying for child care assistance, licensing information, a search to find child care in your area, provider inspection reports and information on what makes a quality program, visit www.ChildCareNJ.gov or call the Child Care Helpline at 1-800-332-9227.



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New Jersey Child Care Assistance Program Application

Submit this application along with any required documentation to your Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency: (See the Documentation Checklist at the end of this application for required documentation) Please type or print neatly using blue or black ink only. Asterisk (*) indicates a required field. Social Security Number is optional for applicant/co-applicant. Answer all questions to the best of your knowledge. If you have guestions, need assistance filling out the application or to request any DFD-required forms, contact your local CCR&R. Visit www.ChildCareNJ.gov/CCRR for a list by county or call 1-800-332-9227. APPLICANT & CO-APPLICANT INFORMATION Applicant's Last Name*: First Name*: M.I.: Social Security Number: Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)*: Gender at Birth*: Female Male Are you Head of Household?*: Yes No Relationship to the Child*: Are you Hispanic/Latino?*: Yes □ No The following information is for statistical purposes. Check any that apply*:

White/Caucasian Native Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Other: If the primary language spoken in your home is not English, what language do you speak?: If applicable, enter Co-Applicant information (must live in the same household) Co-Applicant's Last Name*: First Name*: M.I.: Social Security Number: Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)*: Gender at Birth*: Female Male Are you Hispanic/Latino?*: Yes No The following information is for statistical purposes. Check any that apply*: White/Caucasian Native 🔲 Asian 🔲 Black/African American 🔲 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 🔲 Other: SIZE Total number of applicants (including the co-applicant, if applicable)*: Total number of dependent children in family*: Total number of dependent adults in family*: Dependent children are all children under the age of 18 in the household. Dependent adults are those who are not legally responsible for the children but who are dependent upon the applicant/co-applicant. Dependency must be verified via the family's most current income tax form. **B. ADDRESS** Home Address*: Apt.#: City*: State*: Zip Code*: School District*: Email: Cell Phone Number: Home Phone Number: I am experiencing homelessness. I lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence: Yes No

If you are experiencing homelessness, you may be given more time to submit required documentation. See the Documentation Checklist for more information.



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New Jersey Child Care Assistance Program Application Additional Child(ren) Information Include each child needing child care assistance

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H. CERTIFICATION CONTINUED Read carefully before signing.

- 11. Authorization for child care assistance is for 12 months, unless you request a shorter period of time.
- 12. Payment is issued directly to providers on a biweekly basis.
- 13. If found eligible, the authorized/executed PAPA constitutes the full terms of child care assistance.
- 14. The applicant/co-applicant is responsible to comply with program rules and utilize the DFD-approved time and attendance system. Failing to properly utilize the DFD-approved time and attendance system (which verifies child attendance and generates payment to the child care provider) may result in disqualification. (The DFD-approved time and attendance system is NOT being utilized through June 30, 2024 or until further notice.)
- 15. If my (our) application for child care services is denied by the CCR&R, or my (our) child care services are adversely impacted as a result of an action by the CCR&R, then I (we) have the right to request a case review within 10 calendar days of the denial/adverse action through the CCR&R. If I (we) disagree with the CCR&R's case review decision, then I (we) have the right to request an administrative review from the NJ Division of Family Development within 90 days of the denial/adverse action. The timely request for an administrative review must be made to: Bureau of Administrative Review and Appeals, Division of Family Development, P.O. Box 716, Trenton, NJ 08625-0716 or by calling 1-800-792-9774.
- 16. That I should keep a copy of this application for my records.
- 17. I (we) have read this Certification and understand that failure to comply with the terms may result in the denial of my (our) application for child care assistance benefits or the loss of these benefits.

Co-Applicant Signature:	Date:	
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APPLICATION STATUS							
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Family's Total Assessed Copay	Amount: Frequency:						
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H. 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 criminal and civil penalties, as well as the denial, termination and/or repayment of child care services and child care assistance.

I (we) also understand that:

- Acceptance of child care financial assistance is not for my (our) personal use or expenses. Federal, state and local public funds, such as this child care assistance, must and will be used as payment for costs that are directly associated with services rendered by a child care provider.
- 2. It is a violation of program rules to provide any false or misleading information for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for child care services, including but not limited to, information about my (our) eligibility. For example:
 - Failing to accurately report all sources of my (our) income, such as, but not limited to, not reporting multiple sources of income, or an increase or decrease in wage/salary, child support or alimony payments, self-employment wages, unemployment benefits or any other source of income.
 - Failing to accurately report the amount of my (our) income. Examples include, but are not limited to, reporting the accurate amount(s) of income from self-employment, child support, alimony, income from a second job or rent from property ownership. Changing or altering pay stub information is unlawful and will not be tolerated.
 - Failing to accurately report the number of household members, for example, failing to report a spouse or another parent/guardian is living in the household.
- 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 social security numbers of the applicant/co-applicant is voluntary. CCR&R 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 and Social Security or Permanent Resident Card (Green Card), are required for all children for whom child care assistance is requested.
- 5. In order to verify my (our) income and service need, a CCR&R 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 CCR&R representative.
- 6. The state has set maximum rates for what it pays for child care assistance. These rates vary depending on several factors including the age of the child and the type of provider. This assistance may cover your entire cost for care, however, providers all charge different amounts. If your provider charges more than what the state covers, I (we) understand that I (we) are responsible for paying the difference.
- 7. I (we) are responsible for the copayment (copay) fee which is calculated by the CCR&R and based upon my (our) family size, annual income, hours of care needed and the age of my (our) children during the period of eligibility. (Copays are NOT being assessed through June 30, 2024, or until further notice. The applicant/co-applicant will be responsible for copays when they are reinstated.)
- 8. Should there be a change in the utilization of child care services, the CCR&R retains the right to change my (our) Parent/Applicant and Provider Agreement (PAPA) to reflect the actual hours of care needed.
- 9. I (we) must notify the CCR&R in person, by mail, phone, email or using the CC-198 Notification of Change Form, immediately or no later than 10 days from the occurrence, of any changes that may affect child care eligibility. This includes no longer needing care, relocation out of county or state, change of provider or type of care and/or if any income changes to exceed 85% of the State Median Income (Income Eligibility Chart available at www.childCareNJ.gov/Parents/CCAP).
- The assigned CCR&R is authorized to issue payment to only one child care provider per child for the specified period of eligibility.

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New Jersey Child Care Assistance Program Application Documentation Checklist

Below is a general list of required documents for each section of the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) application that must be submitted for initial eligibility consideration. Additional documents may also be required based on program requirements. If you have questions, need assistance filling out the application or to request any DFD-required forms, contact your local CCR&R. Visit www.ChildCareNJ.gov/CCRR for a list by county or call 1-800-332-9227.

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Α.	APPLICANT & CO-APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION	N			
	For each applicant/co-applicant, submit one of the documents from	n Column	A . If you are unable to provide from Column A , you may submit two		
	documents from Column B: COLUMN A (PRIMARY DOCUMENTATION) Submit one:	R	COLUMN B (SECONDARY DOCUMENTATION) Submit two:		
	 □ Driver's license □ Government-Issued Photo ID card □ Military photo ID card □ Employer-issued photo ID card □ School photo ID card □ Passport 		 ☐ High school diploma, GED or college diploma ☐ Health insurance card or prescription card ☐ Printed paystub ☐ Birth certificate (applicant/co-applicant or child's) ☐ Social Security card 		
	Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)				
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В.	ADDRESS				
	For each applicant/co-applicant, submit one of the following to veri	ify residen	ce:		
	Current rental/lease agreement or mortgage bill		☐ Home utility bills		
	Court decree (if applicable)		Medical documentation		
	☐ School records showing residence		☐ Vehicle registration/title or NJ driver's license		
	Custody agreement or other court documents for guardianship (if applicable) Most recent filed tax forms showing dependency (For dependents 18+, must provide filed IRS 1040 Form)				
	 hotels, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate abandoned in hospitals; Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is accommodation for human beings [within the meaning of section 10] Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abar 	perwork. S ue to loss a accommod a public or 03(a)(2)(C) andoned but lementary	ituations include: of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, dations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping i]; uildings, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the		
C.	HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION				
	To prove relationship, any of following must be submitted for any chil	d in need	of child care services:		
	 ☐ Child's birth certificate ☐ Court decree (if applicable) ☐ Custody agreement or other court documents for guardianship (if a court document) 	applicable)			
	For each dependent residing in the home and included in the family	y size, sub	mit one of the following to verify family size:		
	☐ Birth certificate				
	Court decree (if applicable)				
	Custody agreement or other court documents for guardianship (if a	applicable)			
	Most recent filed tax forms showing dependency (For dependents 1	,	ovide filed IRS 1040 Form)		
	If the dependent is over the age of 18, submit one of the following	documents	s to verify family size:		
	☐ Most recent filed tax forms showing dependency (copy of filed IRS	S 1040 forr	n)		
	Health insurance policy showing coverage for the dependent		•		
	Records of school enrollment				



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INCOME							
For each applicant/co-applicant, submit all that apply to verify income:							
INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT:	OTHER INCOME OR BENEFITS TO FAMILY UNIT:						
 ☐ Must provide one month of current pay stubs (e.g. 4 weekly, 2 biweekly, etc.); and/or ☐ CC-188 Verification of Employment Form (If needed to verify work hours when not reflected in the pay stubs or to verify income when the applicant/coapplicant does not receive pay stubs.) 	Documentation must show the rate and frequency of the income received from the sources below: Pension/retirement documentation Social Security award letter Unemployment/worker's compensation documentation						
NEW EMPLOYMENT ONLY (If paystubs are not available): ☐ Employer letter on company letterhead (signed/dated). Must include rate of pay, hours worked per week, employer contact information, and first date of employment; or ☐ CC-188 Verification of Employment Form (If approved for CCAP, applicant/co-applicant will be required to follow up with pay stubs if received.)							
SELF-EMPLOYED ONLY: Submit current IRS tax transcript of Form 1040 along with Schedule C, "Profit or Loss from Business"	receive monthly in Section C of the application)						
UNABLE TO WORK or INCAPACITATED: CC-10 Statement of Incapacity Form							
WORK/SCHOOL/TRAINING							
For each applicant/co-applicant, submit one of the following:							
 WORK: See Section D, "Income from Employment" for acceptable documents to verify hours of work SCHOOL: Course registration or transcript from the school or a CC-189 Verification of School or Training Form if a registration or transcript is not yet available TRAINING PROGRAM: Program registration or transcript from the training program or a CC-189 Verification of School or Training Form if a 							
	status purposes only)						
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Social Security card							
Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) (USCIS Form I-551)							
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WORK/SCHOOL/TRAINING For each applicant/co-applicant, submit one of the following: WORK: See Section D, "Income from Employment" for acceptable do SCHOOL: Course registration or transcript from the school or a CC-18 yet available TRAINING PROGRAM: Program registration or transcript from the traregistration or transcript is not yet available CHILD(REN) INFORMATION (for child citizenship For any child in need of care, submit one of the following: U.S. birth certificate Certificate of Citizenship U.S. passport or passport card Social Security card Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) (USCIS Form I-551) Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571)	39 Verification of School or Training Form if a registration or transcript is not not similarly program or a CC-189 Verification of School or Training Form if a status purposes only)						



G. IMPORTANT COMMUNITY RESOURCES

To make a complaint or report a health and safety violation, contact: Child Care Centers Registered Family Child Care and

Contact the Dept. of Children and Families, Office of Licensing niccis.com/niccis/public-complaint 1-877-667-9845

Complaints may be made anonymously.

Registered Family Child Care and
Home-Based Providers
Contact your CCR&R
www.ChildCareNJ.gov/Parents/CCRR

1-800-332-9227

Summer Youth Camps
Contact the Dept. of Health,
Public Health and Food Protection
Program
1-609-826-4935 ext. 27

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies Contact the Office of Child Care www.ChildCareNJ.gov DFD.ChildCare@dhs.nj.gov 1-609-588-2163

To report abuse and neglect, contact:

All reports of child abuse and neglect, including those occurring in institutional settings such as child care centers, schools, foster homes and residential treatment centers, must be reported to the State Central Registry Child Abuse Hotline. This is a toll-free, 24-hour, seven-days-a-week hotline.

1-877 NJ ABUSE (652-2873) • TTY 1-800-835-5510

The **Division of Family Development (DFD)** provides leadership and supervision to the public and non-profit agencies that deliver financial assistance and critical safety net services to individuals and families in New Jersey. Along with <u>Child Care</u> services, the programs within DFD are <u>Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (WFNJ/TANF)</u> and <u>WFNJ/General Assistance (WFNJ/GA)</u> – the two programs that make up the state's cash assistance program; <u>NJ SNAP</u>; and <u>Child Support</u> services. For more information on these programs, visit the DFD website at www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind and/or speech-disabled use 7-1-1 NJ Relay.

NJ 2-1-1 • www.NJ211.org • Dial 2-1-1

NJ 211 provides live assistance 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Services are free, confidential and multilingual with referrals to over 7,600 community programs and services like – food, utilities, affordable housing, rental assistance, mental and physical health, substance use disorders, senior needs, legal assistance, Kinship Navigator Program, transportation, disability services and so much more.

NJ Helps • www.NJHelps.gov

NJ Helps is an online screening tool that will help you see if you are eligible for food assistance (SNAP), cash assistance (WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA), and health insurance (NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid). From there you can apply for services or learn about additional resources.

Connecting NJ • www.nj.gov/connectingnj

Connecting NJ is a referral process for obstetrical and prenatal care providers, community agencies, and families linking you to NJ Family Care, Community Doulas, Home Visitation Programs and more.

Early Intervention Services • www.nj.gov/health/ffhs/eis/for-families/ • Birth to Age Three: 1-888-653-4463 • Over Age Three: 1-800-322-8174

The New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS), under the Division of Family Health Services, for infants and toddlers, birth to age three, with developmental delays or disabilities, and their families. New Jersey Early Intervention System Project Child Find assists families of preschoolers ages 3 through 5 concerned about their child's development.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) • https://eitc.nj.gov • Federal: 1-800-929-1040 • State: 1-888-895-8179 EITC is a federal and state tax credit benefit for individuals and families who earn low-to moderate incomes in NJ.

Family Help Line • 1-800-THE-KIDS (1-800-843-5437) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

If you're feeling stressed out, call the Family Help Line and work through your frustrations before a crisis occurs. You'll speak to sensitive, trained volunteers of Parents Anonymous who provide empathic listening about parenting and refer you to resources in your community.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) • 1-800-510-3102

The Home Energy Assistance Program helps very low-income residents with their heating and cooling bills, and makes provisions for emergency heating system services and emergency fuel assistance within the Home Energy Assistance Program.

NJ Parent Link • www.njparentlink.nj.gov • 609-633-1363

The focus of NJ Parent Link is to meet the information and resource needs of expectant parents, families with young children (newborns to children entering kindergarten) and professional stakeholders vested in the health and well-being of New Jersey's children and families. Parenting and support resources for families with older children, school aged to young adulthood, are also available.

Social Service for the Homeless (SSH) • www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd/programs/ssh • NJ 2-1-1

Provides assistance to New Jersey residents who are at risk of homelessness, but are ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, General Assistance or Supplemental Security Income.