

Is there a provider list that includes the age range of children accepted?

Child care providers operate as independent businesses. Each provider chooses the ages of children (from infant through school age) they are able to accommodate at their facility. This information is included on the child care provider list that is available from SCJFS. It is best, however, to contact the provider directly to be sure that there is space available for your child(ren). Child care centers often group children together according to age. Child care homes usually have children of all ages grouped together.

What happens if my child gets sick?

Most child care centers cannot care for a child who is ill. Most child care homes will continue to care for a child who is mildly ill. When you are looking for child care, be sure to ask the provider what the policy is for sick children. Also give consideration to your work schedule and how flexible you can be when your child is ill.

Is the child care provider's location important?

It is good to have a child care provider that is near your work and/or home so that you can travel there quickly if needed.

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Applications & Customer Service:*
1.844.640.OHIO (6446)
Child Care: 330.452.4661

Children Services Division

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Canton, OH 44702

Child Abuse/Neglect Report Line:
330.455.KIDS
Foster/Adopt:
330.451.8789

Child Support Division

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Child Care Assistance



Human Services Division



What is publicly funded child care assistance?

Publicly funded child care assistance, provided through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) covers part of the cost of child care for children of eligible care takers (parents) who are either working or in school.

Am I eligible for publicly funded child care assistance?

Eligibility for publicly funded child care is based on gross income and family size. In addition, to qualify, you must be participating in an approved activity such as:

- Employment
- School or a vocational program
- Approved work activity

Publicly Funded Child Care Eligibility Maximum Monthly Gross Income

| Family Size | Income Limit for Initial Eligibility |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 | \$1784 |
| 3 | \$2252 |
| 4 | \$2720 |
| 5 | \$3188 |
| 6 | \$3656 |
| 7 | \$4124 |
| 8 | \$4592 |
| 9 | \$5060 |
| 10 | \$5528 |

These figures are based on 2018 Federal Poverty Level guidelines and are subject to change without notice.

When you meet the qualifications, your children remain eligible until the age of 13. Children with special needs may remain eligible until the age of 18.

What types of publicly funded child care assistance providers are available?

There are three types of providers available from which you can choose. They are:

▪ Licensed Centers

A child care center is any facility that cares for more than 12 children at a time. Child care centers are licensed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Licensing reports are available online at:

jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/families.stm

▪ Licensed Type A Homes

A Type A home is a private residence licensed to care for up to 12 children. Type A homes are licensed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Licensing inspection reports are available online at:

jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/families.stm

• Licensed Type B Homes

A Type B child care home is a private residence licensed by the Ohio Department Job and Family Services, and inspected by the residing county of Job and Family Services. These providers may care for up to six children. If an individual wishes to become a licensed Type B home provider, he/she can contact SCJFS:

330.451.8515

How do I choose a child care provider?

Many parents are concerned about leaving their children in the care of someone they don't know. This concern is perfectly natural. The best way to feel more comfortable is to be well informed and to select a child care provider you trust, and who best meets your needs.

Keep in mind that all three provider types are required to meet health, fire and safety standards. All child care providers are inspected at least twice a year to make sure these standards are maintained.

How can I find a child care provider concerned about my child's development?

Ask providers for lesson plans and activity sheets to see what they do on a daily basis. A quality child care program can help with your child's development. Both centers and homes can have excellent educational and enrichment programs.

Do all child care centers have the same hours of operation?

Most licensed child care centers are open Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Only a few child care centers are open evenings and weekends.

Some licensed Type A and Type B homes are open seven days a week, and operate most, if not all, hours of the day.

A list of approved child care providers, and hours of operation, is available from SCJFS. Information is subject to change, so it is best to contact a provider directly.