

What are the Eligibility Requirements for Child Care Subsidy?

Child Care Subsidy Eligibility Requirements (general child care)

- Child: Under 13 years, or between 13 to 18 years if the child cannot do self care and resides with their parent(s) or caretakers;
- Parents or Caretakers: Must be employed, attending school, or participating in a job-training program. In two-parent families, BOTH parents/caretakers must be participating in any of the above activities;
- Income limits by family size: Gross monthly income (before taxes and deductions) must not exceed 85% of the State Median Income for the family size;
- A completed application along with supporting documents, such as birth certificates, income verification, are required before eligibility can be established and payment initiated.
- Re-determinations for continued eligibility are conducted every 12 months.

Preschool Open Doors (POD) Eligibility Requirements

There is a time-limited application period established and published each year with the following requirements:

- Child: Priority is given to children for the POD school year prior to kindergarten entry with priority for underserved or at-risk children;
- Parents or Caretakers: No activity requirement;
- Income limits by family size: Gross monthly income (before taxes and deductions) must not exceed the income for the family's size;
- Assistance is provided to eligible children according to priority criteria based on the age, referral documentation for the child regarding underserved or at-risk factors, and the income of the family.