

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 an initial application period during spring of each year. Assistance is provided according to priority criteria based on the child's age, referral documentation, and the family's income:

- Child must turn 3 years old by 7/31, or 4 years old by 12/31, or 5 years old between 8/1 through 12/31 of the applying program year (the school year that the child will be attending preschool). Priority will be given to children:
 - who received POD service the previous year;
 - are eligible to enter kindergarten at the start of the following school year;
 - who qualifies as a special population (underserved or at-risk);
- Parents or Caretakers: No activity requirement;
- Child for whom assistance is being requested must reside with the applicant;
- Income eligibility for the household size.