

# 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

- Eligible children for POD include:
  - Child will be eligible for kindergarten at the end of the specified POD program year (the school year that the child will be attending preschool);
  - Child will be 3 years old by July 31 of the specified POD program year; or
  - Child will be 2 years old by July 31 of the specified POD program year; and
  - Must reside with the applying parent(s)/caretakers(s).
- 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;
- A completed application along with supporting documents, such as birth certificates, income verification, are required before eligibility can be established and payment initiated.

For POD, there is a fourteen-month application period from April 1 prior to the start of the current specified program year through May 31 (or the last work day of May) of the current specified program year.