

More Families Now Eligible for Free or Low-Cost Child Care

Apply Today at Michigan.gov/MIBridges

The little things you do for your child in their early years make a big difference. For many families finding quality, affordable child care is a key part to giving your child their best start.

Need Help Paying for Child Care?

More families now qualify for free or low-cost child care for children up to age 12. To participate in the Child Development and Care (CDC) program, you must:

- (1) **Have a qualifying need for child care.** This includes:
 - Working
 - Taking college classes
 - Finishing a high school program like GED, ESL, or ABE
 - Taking trade or vocational classes
 - Participating in an approved counseling or treatment program
- (2) **Have a qualifying income.** Families must earn less than 185% of the federal poverty level.
 - Family of 2: \$2,686 monthly, \$32,232 annually
 - Family of 3: \$3,386 monthly, \$40,632 annually
 - Family of 4: \$4,085 monthly, \$49,020 annually
 - Visit Michigan.gov/childcare and review the Child Development and Care Handbook for income eligibility for larger households.
- (3) **Apply** at Michigan.gov/MIBridges.

The Child Development and Care program pays child care providers an hourly rate for care, but it may not cover the full cost. You may be expected to pay the remaining amount that the subsidy does not cover.

If you have questions about whether you qualify or how to apply, visit Michigan.gov/childcare or contact your [local MDHHS office](#).

Need Help Finding Child Care in Your Area?

- Visit GreatStarttoQuality.org to find a child care provider near you.
- Need more help finding the right fit? Contact your local [Great Start to Quality Resource Center](#).