

# Child Care Vouchers

## What is the Child Care Voucher Program?

The Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) is a federal program that assists low-income families, families receiving temporary public assistance, and those transitioning from public assistance in obtaining child care so they can work, attend training, or continue education. The purpose of CCDF is to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of childcare. The CCDF allows parents the opportunity to maintain employment and complete educational goals without the overwhelming financial burden of child care costs.

## Who is Eligible?

Parents must be working or going to school or involved in a TANF/IMPACT activity, be within income guidelines, have proof of identity for all family members, and be a resident of the county in which they are applying for assistance. Child care assistance is available for children through the age of 12 unless the child has special needs. The child receiving assistance must be a U.S. Citizen or qualified legal alien.

## What are the Income Guidelines?

A family's gross (before taxes and any other deductions) monthly income cannot exceed 127% of the federal poverty level to be eligible for the CCDF program. The family can then remain on the program until their monthly income exceeds 170% of the federal poverty level. Income guidelines are waived for licensed foster parents seeking care for foster children and parents involved with Child Protective Services through the Department of Child Services. The table below will help you determine whether or not you may qualify for the CCDF.

	Maximum Monthly Income
Size of Family	127% Poverty Level
2	\$1,719
3	\$2,161
4	\$2,604
5	\$3,046
6	\$3,488

*\*Based on an effective date of 4/30/17*

## How to Apply

Families may apply by contacting the CCDF intake office that serves their county of residence (see the map on page 2). Proof of income, a class schedule (if the applicant is in school or in training), or a TANF/IMPACT referral, if eligible, is needed to apply.

## Are There Waiting Lists?

Funding for CCDF vouchers are county specific. When the demand is greater than available funds for a county, a waiting list is created and prioritized by the State of Indiana. The priorities are as follows: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Child Protection Services (CPS), and Children with Special Needs (medically documented or special education enrollment), families transitioning off the TANF program, and families with the lowest income by date of waiting list application. Families placed on a waiting list need to inform their intake office of changes in their contact information so that they can be reached when funds are available.

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