



Supplemental Child Care Program

Financial Assistance Fact Sheet

WHAT IS CHILDCARE RESOURCES?

A United Way agency since 1984, Childcare Resources provides services to help make quality child care available and affordable in Blount, Jefferson, Shelby and Walker counties. The agency helps families locate child care, trains child care professionals, provides parent education services, and, through the Supplemental Child Care Program (SCCP), offers child care financial assistance to low-to-moderate income, working families. CCR is a nonprofit organization. Therefore, financial assistance is dependent upon the availability of donations from its benefactors.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. You **MUST** live in our service area – Blount, Jefferson, Shelby or Walker counties.
2. You **MUST** be working at least 35 hours per week.
3. You **MUST NOT** be receiving child care assistance from DHR.
4. You **MUST** be applying **ONLY** for children up to 5 years of age (*until eligible to start kindergarten*).
5. You **MUST**, according to your family size, fall within our Annual Income Eligibility Scale.

WHAT IS FAMILY SIZE?

Family size includes an adult, his/her spouse and all dependent children under the age of 18 related by blood, marriage, adoption or guardianship who reside in the same household.

WHAT IS COUNTED AS ANNUAL INCOME?

Annual income is all gross income (before taxes) such as wages, tips, commissions, SSI, SSA, alimony, child support, dividends and interest, etc.

ANNUAL INCOME ELIGIBILITY SCALE

| FAMILY SIZE | ANNUAL INCOME MINIMUM | ANNUAL INCOME MAXIMUM |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 | \$16,681 | \$35,316 |
| 3 | \$20,917 | \$39,744 |
| 4 | \$25,153 | \$44,172 |
| 5 | \$29,389 | \$47,682 |
| 6 | \$33,637 | \$51,192 |

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Download an Application from our website, pick up one at the office, or request a mailing.
2. Be sure to review the five Eligibility Requirements to determine your possible eligibility.
3. Mail or bring the completed original form to our office downtown.
4. You will be notified within 30 days if your name is or is not placed on the Waiting List.
5. You will be notified when your name comes to the top of the list and funds are available.

If you do not meet any ONE of our five Eligibility Requirements, we suggest you contact the agency which handles eligibility services for the Department of Human Resources (DHR):
 Family Guidance Center (Birmingham)
 (205)941-0115 or (800)499-6597

WHAT ARE THE RIGHTS OF AN APPLICANT?

- Apply for services.
- Receive notice of status of application.
- Be placed on a waiting list if funding is not currently available.
- Be treated without regard to race, sex, religion, creed, national origin, political beliefs or handicap.

WHAT ARE AN APPLICANT'S OBLIGATIONS?

- Provide Childcare Resources with accurate information.
- Cooperate in the verification of information.
- Notify Childcare Resources immediately of any changes in any of the following: *family income, family composition, address, phone number, employment, child care provider.*
- Make prompt payment to the child care provider according to the child care provider's regulations. If a child care program reports delinquent payments, Childcare Resources will stop payment to the program until all fees owed by the parent are paid. The parent will need to reapply for services and his/her name will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.
- Notify Childcare Resources immediately of any changes in fees charged by the child care provider.
- Be recertified periodically, as determined by Childcare Resources.

HOW DO I CONTACT CHILDCARE RESOURCES?

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BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE SUCCESS

Childcare Resources encourages parents and caregivers to build a solid foundation for a child's future success. The following are suggested to help do that.

Ten Simple Things to Enhance the Positive Brain Development of Children

- Spend time with your child.
- Hold and hug your child.
- Provide a stable relationship.
- Maintain a safe, healthy environment.
- Encourage positive self-esteem.
- Insist on quality child care.
- Talk with your child.
- Play with your child.
- Sing and play music for your child..
- Read early and often to your child.