

May I use any provider?

Yes, However, the state can only pay financial assistance to a:

1. Provider regulated by CDD (e.g., registered family child care home or licensed child care program; or
2. Approved Relative Child Care provider certified by CDD to provide care for a specific child. This person must be a relative of the child.
You must be determined eligible before choosing an Approved Relative Child Care provider.

How are payments made?

The state pays the financial assistance directly to your provider. You are responsible for paying your provider the difference between what your provider charges and what the state pays. This is called your *copayment*.

What if I need more hours?

If you are eligible for more than 50 hours of child care per week, extended care payments may be available.

When do payments start?

Payments start the day eligibility is determined. Payments will continue until the ending date on the certificate or until the last day the child attends, whichever comes first.

What happens after I apply?

Once we've determined your eligibility, you will receive either:

1. A denial letter; or
2. A program certificate that includes the rate your provider charges, the amount the state will pay.

May I appeal a decision?

If your application is denied or you are not satisfied with a decision, you may request an appeal. To do so:

1. Mail your request to the address below. *It must be sent within 30 days of the decision.*

Child Development Division
Department for Children and Families
280 State Drive, NOB 1 North
Waterbury, VT 05671-1040
2. Our Financial Assistance Unit will review your appeal and notify you of its decision.
3. If you are still not satisfied, you may request a Fair Hearing with the Human Services Board. *It must be filed in writing within 30 days of the decision.*

Please let us know if you require an accommodation because of a disability.

Child Care Support Agencies

ADDISON

Child Care Services
at Mary Johnson
Children's Center
(802) 388-4304

BENNINGTON

Bennington County
Child Care Association
(802) 442-0052

CALEDONIA/SOUTH ESSEX

Kingdom Child Care
Connection at Umbrella
(802) 748-1992
1-800-916-8645

CHITTENDEN

Child Care Resource
(802) 863-3367
1-800-339-3367

FRANKLIN/ GRAND ISLE

Family Center of
NW Vermont
(802) 393-6673

LAMOILLE

Lamoille Family Center
(802) 888-5229

ORLEANS/N. ESSEX

NEKCA Parent Child
Center
(802) 334-7316

NORTH WINDSOR/ ORANGE

The Family Place
(802) 649-3268
1-800-639-0039

RUTLAND

Vermont
Achievement Center
(802) 773-4365
1-800-775-2390

WASHINGTON

Family Center of
Washington County
(802) 262-3292

WINDHAM

The Winston Prouty
Center
(802) 257-7852

WINDSOR SOUTH/ WINDHAM NORTH

Springfield Area Parent
Child Center
(802) 886-5242
1-800-808-4442



**Child Care
in Vermont**
*Helping Families Find
& Pay for Child Care*

 **VERMONT**
DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The Child Development Division has two programs that can help Vermonters find and pay for child care:

- 1. Child Care Referral Service:**
Helps you find child care, preschool or afterschool services. Call 1-877-705-9008 to reach a child care referral specialist in your area.
- 2. Child Care Financial Assistance:**
Covers part of your child care costs.

Both programs are delivered through 12 Community Child Care Support Agencies located throughout the state (*see list on the back*). Your local agency can inform you about the child care options in your area and help you apply for financial assistance.

Child Care Financial Assistance

Helps eligible families pay for child care for children from age 6 weeks up to 13 (*up to age 19 if the child has special needs*).

Who is eligible?

To be eligible, your family must:

- Have a reason for child care services (called an *approved service need*);
- Meet the income guidelines; and
- Live in Vermont.

The child receiving child care must be a legal resident of the United States.

Income Guidelines

Use the table below to see if your family meets the income guidelines.

- Find your family size and gross monthly income under column A.
- Follow the line to column B. If eligible, the state will pay this percentage of established reimbursement rates.

Column A Gross Monthly Income by Family Size				Column B % Paid by State
3 or less	4	5	6 +	
1,732	2,092	2,452	2,812	100%
1,801	2,173	2,548	2,920	99%
1,846	2,229	2,612	2,995	98%
1,894	2,284	2,678	3,072	97%
1,940	2,340	2,743	3,146	96%
2,001	2,415	2,831	3,246	95%
2,085	2,518	2,951	3,383	90%
2,170	2,618	3,070	3,520	85%
2,261	2,731	3,203	3,671	80%
2,356	2,842	3,332	3,820	75%
2,447	2,953	3,465	3,969	70%
2,540	3,066	3,595	4,119	65%
2,633	3,176	3,727	4,269	60%
2,726	3,288	3,857	4,417	55%
2,818	3,399	3,989	4,569	50%
2,911	3,512	4,119	4,716	45%
3,004	3,621	4,251	4,866	40%
3,099	3,732	4,382	5,017	35%
3,189	3,846	4,514	5,167	30%
3,281	3,957	4,643	5,315	25%
3,375	4,067	4,775	5,464	20%
3,463	4,183	4,903	5,623	15%
5,195	6,275	7,355	8,435	10%

How much assistance can I receive?

If you are eligible for assistance, the state will pay a percentage of the appropriate reimbursement rate directly to your provider. The state pays a higher rate to providers who participate in STARS - Vermont's quality recognition and improvement program for child care, preschool, and afterschool programs. Find out about a child care provider's STARS status, accreditation, and more on our website brightfutures.vermont.gov. Payment rates are based on the child's age, the type of provider, and the authorized hours of care.

The following tables show reimbursement rates at 100%.

Weekly Reimbursement Rates at 100% - Licensed Programs												
Age Category	Base Rate		1 Star		2 Stars		3 Stars		4 Stars		5 Stars	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
Infant	200.00	110.00	210.00	115.50	231.00	127.05	240.00	132.00	260.00	143.00	280.00	154.00
Toddler	192.31	105.77	201.92	111.06	222.12	122.16	230.77	126.92	250.00	137.50	269.23	148.08
Preschool	133.49	73.42	140.16	77.09	146.84	80.76	160.19	88.10	173.53	95.44	186.88	102.79
School Age	129.48	71.21	135.96	74.78	142.43	78.34	155.38	85.46	168.33	92.58	181.27	99.70

Weekly Reimbursement Rates at 100% - Registered Homes												
Age Category	Base Rate		1 Star		2 Stars		3 Stars		4 Stars		5 Stars	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
Infant	138.46	76.15	145.38	79.96	159.92	87.96	166.15	91.38	180.00	99.00	193.85	106.62
Toddler	134.62	74.04	141.35	77.74	155.48	85.51	161.54	88.85	175.00	96.25	188.46	103.65
Preschool	101.83	56.00	106.92	58.80	112.01	61.60	122.19	67.21	132.37	72.81	142.56	78.41
School Age	97.99	55.14	102.89	57.89	107.79	60.65	117.59	66.16	127.39	71.68	137.19	77.19

Daily Reimbursement Rates at 100% - ARCC		
Age Category	Base Rate	
	FT	PT
Infant	16.03	9.16
Toddler	16.03	9.16
Preschool	13.39	7.84
School Age	13.39	7.84

Definitions	
<i>Full-Time Weekly Care</i> - 26 to 50 hours	
<i>Full-Time Daily Care</i> - 6 to 10 hours a day	
<i>Part-Time Weekly Care</i> - 1 to 25 hours	
<i>Part-Time Daily Care</i> - 1 to 5 hours a day	
<i>Infant</i>	- birth up to 24 months old
<i>Toddler</i>	- 2 up to 3 years old
<i>Preschool</i>	- 3 up to 5 years old
<i>School Age</i>	- 5 up to 13 years old (or up to 19 if child has special needs)