

New Jersey Cares for Kids Child Care Subsidy Program

Enclosed is your application for the New Jersey Cares for Kids (NJCK) Child Care subsidy program. NJCK helps eligible families with the cost of child care.

The eligibility requirements of the NJCK Program are as follows:

- Must be an Ocean County resident
- Must be employed full time (at least 30 hours per week) OR
- Attend school full time: 20 hours per week of training or 12 college credits (a minimum of 6 credits must be in person; a maximum of 6 credits may be online); OR
- Work part time AND go to school/training part time (total must equal full time)
- Must meet income eligibility guidelines

Please follow the instructions on how to complete the application. Use the Documentation Checklist included with the application as a guide to ensure all required documentation has been added to your application for review. **We are unable to accept incomplete applications.**

If you need assistance with the application or have any questions, please call:

Virginia Charpentier at extension 3143 for general information.

Alexis Brown at extension 3110 if your last name begins with letters A-L.

Francine Ashton at extension 3166 if your last name begins with letters M-Z.

Please call our Family Engagement Specialist, Terece Torquato, at extension 3109 if you are interested in:

- Developmental Screenings for children up to age 5 in key areas such as speech, fine motor, gross motor, social and emotional
- Positive Solutions for Families to learn strategies for addressing children's occasional challenging behavior at home
- Parent Cafes for discussions to reduce stress and strategies to keep families strong
- Referrals to other Ocean County resources (housing, food, etc.)

If you would like more information on the various types of child care programs available or would like assistance locating a quality child care option that meets your family's needs*, please contact our Resource and Referral Specialist, Chantele McAllister, at extension 3105.

*The Children's Home Society of New Jersey does not license, endorse or recommend any specific provider. The agency encourages and supports parental choice in the selection of child care. We urge parents & guardians to interview and carefully check references before leaving a child in care.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

GROSS ANNUAL INCOME FOR HOUSEHOLD CANNOT EXCEED:

Family Size of 2:	\$42,300
Family Size of 3:	\$53,300
Family Size of 4:	\$64,300
Family Size of 5:	\$75,300
Family Size of 6:	\$86,300
Family Size of 7:	\$97,300
Family Size of 8:	\$108,300

Please be advised:

ALL sources of income must be submitted with your application. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Employment wages
- Bonuses and commissions
- Scholarship monies
- Child support: either court ordered or mutually agreed upon between parents
- Parental/Familial Support
- Taxable interest
- Ordinary dividends
- Capital gains
- Rental income
- Partnerships, Corporations & S Corporations
- LLC's
- Trusts
- Investments
- Self-employment
- 1099 employment
- SSI for applicants and/or children

Please contact an application specialist if you have any questions regarding this information.