

WASHINGTON STATE

# Child Care Program

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## **The Program:**

The Working Connections Child Care program (WCCC) helps families with lower incomes pay for child care expenses while you are working, looking for work, or working and going to school. Receiving WCCC does not count towards the 60-month time limit for households receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

## **Application:**

Please contact your local Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Community Services Offices (CSO) to find out if your family is eligible for WCCC. (The phone number for your local CSO is listed in the business section of your phone book under “Washington State”.)

## **Eligibility:**

Eligibility for this program is partly determined by your income. Your income must be under a certain limit. When you contact your local CSO, you will be asked to:

- Fill out an application
- Give the DSHS worker proof of the activity you are in,
- Proof of family size and,
- Proof of income.



This information must be provided before DSHS staff can tell you if you are eligible and payment begins to a provider.

## **Copayment:**

All families receiving WCCC help pay for a part of the child care services. Your share of the child care cost is called a ‘copayment’. The amount of this copayment will vary from family to family. DSHS staff will determine the specific copayment amount based on family size and income.

## **Child Care Providers:**

If you are eligible for the Working Connections Child Care program, DSHS staff will authorize payment to a child care provider of your choice who meets DSHS requirements. If you do not already know who you want to care for your children, the local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R) can help you find a licensed provider in your area. They will also give you good tips on how to find the best child care provider for you and your child(ren). The statewide Resource and Referral office can be reached at 1-800-446-1114. They will connect you to the CCR&R closest to you.

