

Working Connections Child Care

Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) helps families with low incomes pay for child care while they work or meet WorkFirst participation requirements.



What are the basic eligibility requirements for WCCC?

- The child must be an U.S. citizen or legal resident.
- The family must live in Washington State.
- Family income must be at or below 200% FPL.
- The parent must be employed or self-employed in legal, income-generating, taxable activities; or the parent must meet all TANF/WorkFirst requirements when taking part in that program.
- The parent must complete the WCCC application and verification process through DSHS.

How do families apply for WCCC?

Contact the DSHS Customer Service Call Center at 1.877.501.2233 or apply online at:

<https://www.washingtonconnection.org/>

Is there a WCCC Wait List?

When WCCC reaches the legislated program limit, a wait list to receive benefits is activated. Families meeting special priority status are exempt from the wait list. They include:

- Families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits. This includes families “curing a sanction” and child-only TANF cases.
- Income-eligible families who have a child with special needs.
- Teen parents who do not live with a parent or guardian and attend high school full-time. The high school must offer on-site child care.

All other eligible families will receive child care benefits on a "first come, first served" basis until the program reaches a set limit. DSHS keeps a waiting list of families who apply.

What do I do after I get notified from DSHS telling me there is space available in WCCC?

The only way DSHS will contact you is by mail, so make sure to tell DSHS right away if your mailing address changes. Call them at: 1-877-501-2233.

- You must contact DSHS within 10 days from the date of the letter, or you will lose your spot on the wait list. The letter will specify your options for contacting DSHS.
- If you lose your spot, you can re-apply for WCCC benefits.
- You will receive a new spot on the wait list in the order your new application was received.

What's the most important thing for me to remember?

If you currently receive WCCC benefits, you may be eligible to continue receiving benefits providing you do not have a break in your certification period.

This means that if you miss reapplication/reporting/verification deadlines, you may be terminated from the program. If you reapply, you must meet all eligibility requirements, including priority status.