Additional Services

Early Childhood and Prevention Services are available to help families.

Early Childhood and Prevention Services help to promote quality and safety in early care and education environments for all Missouri families.

These services include:

- Early Head Start
- ParentLink
- Home Visiting Program
- Crisis Care
- Out of School Time
- Resources for children with special needs

To find out more about these services, visit: dss.mo.gov/fsd/child-care



Our Mission Empower Missourians to live safe, healthy, and productive lives.



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FSD Information Line



Call 855-373-4636 Relay Missouri: 711

Need help with a language other than English? Call 855-373-4636 and tell the representative the language you need.

¿Necesita ayuda en un idioma que no sea el inglés? Llame al 855-373-4636 y dígale al representante cuál es el idioma que requiere.

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights 601 E. 12th St., Room 248 Kansas City, MO 64106 or Office of Civil Rights P.O. Box 1527 Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Child Care Subsidy Program

Help with child care that fits your schedule







A statewide team here to help you.

What is the Child Care Subsidy Program?

The Child Care Subsidy Program helps eligible families pay for child care so parents can focus on finding and holding steady work that can support their families' needs.

It helps pay for the child care that fits your schedule:

- Days
- Evenings
- Weekends

Payments through the Child Care Subsidy Program will cover part or all of your child care costs.



Who is eligible?

Low-income parents or guardians of a child under the age of 13 (or age 13 or older with a special need) who are:

- Working
- Attending school
- In job training
- Disabled
- Homeless
- Searching for a job
- Being evaluated for training and/or employment
- Receiving child welfare services from the Children's Division

How do I apply?

Visit mydss.mo.gov. If you have questions, contact FSD at 855-FSD-INFO (855-373-4636).

How will I know if I'm eligible?

You will receive an approval letter from the Family Support Division that tells you when your eligibility for Child Care Subsidy will begin and end.

If you are not eligible, you will receive a letter explaining you do not qualify for assistance at this time.

How much can be paid to my child care provider?

The amount paid by the Child Care Subsidy Program is based on your schedule and who is providing care for your child.

Finding Child Care

If you are receiving assistance through the Child Care Subsidy Program, your child care provider must be contracted with the Family Support Division.

If you need help finding a contracted child care provider, contact Child Care Aware or use the Show-Me Child Care Provider Search.

Child Care Aware® of Missouri 866-892-3228 mo.childcareaware.org



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