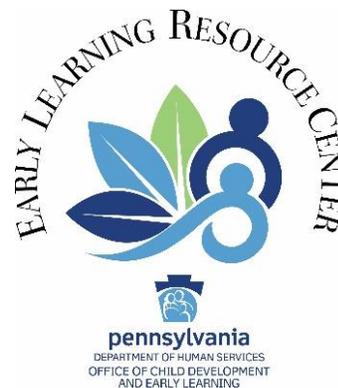


What is subsidized child care?

The state and federal governments have made funding available to assist qualifying parents in meeting their child care expenses. Early Learning Resource Center Region 17 serves the families of Montgomery County.



Do I qualify for subsidized child care?

Single parents, married couples and un-married parents living together can all be eligible for subsidized child care. In order to qualify, all parents living in the household must:

- Work at least 20 hours per week; or work at least 10 hours and attend school at least 10 hours per week
- Receive income within certain guidelines (see below)
- Live in Montgomery County
- If you have received TANF benefits within the past six months
- If you are a teen parent under the age of 22 attending high school/GED program

Family Size - Maximum Yearly Gross Income

2	\$36,620	5	\$64,940
3	\$46,060	6	\$74,380
4	\$55,500	7	\$83,820

Current guidelines effective May 2022

A live-in companion is only counted in the household if they are the parent of a child for whom the subsidy is being sought. If a non-parent is living in the household and is married to the parent, then they also must meet eligibility guidelines. Foster Parents may not have to meet income requirements.

Applying for Subsidized Child Care

To apply for subsidized child care, please visit Pennsylvania's online COMPASS system at compass.state.pa.us or contact our office for an application. In addition to a completed application, you will be asked to submit one month of income verification, verification of residence and verification of family composition. If you have a special circumstance, additional materials may be requested.

Waiting List

It is important to understand that if you are determined eligible for subsidized child care funding, you may be placed on the waiting list. You will remain on the waiting list until there is available funding to enroll your children. If a waiting list exists, it is still important to apply as soon as the need arises. Families are enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parent Choice

The subsidized child care program allows parents to choose any participating regulated child care program. You may also have the option of choosing to have a relative provider care for your child. In-home care may also be available for funding under certain circumstances.

Important Note for Parents Who Feel They May Not Be Eligible

The income guidelines are not the final consideration for the subsidized child care program, as there are a number of factors that are taken into account when determining your eligibility. If you believe that you may not be eligible for subsidized child care based on the guidelines, you should still consider applying. You may be eligible after a final and accurate calculation of your gross income is conducted and any allowable deductions are considered.

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