

What is quality child care? Why is it important?

Developmentally appropriate childcare fosters children's social, emotional, intellectual, and language development.

A quality child care program provides:*

1. Safe, supervised indoor and outdoor play.
2. A wide variety of materials.
3. Qualified teachers.
4. Many planned learning activities in science, art, math and music.
5. Warm and positive relationships between children, parents and staff.
6. Lots of books and language activities.
7. A variety of blocks and other building materials.
8. High standards of health and safety.

*Child Care Programs of Excellence



A checklist to help families in the selection of developmentally appropriate and safe childcare is available.



Additional childcare resource and referral information can be obtained through the

- **Mid-York Child Care Coordinating Council 1-888-814-KIDS**
www.mycccc.org
- **New York State Office of Children and Family Services** www.ocfs.state.ny.us



**Workforce Development
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The Child Care Facilitated Enrollment Program

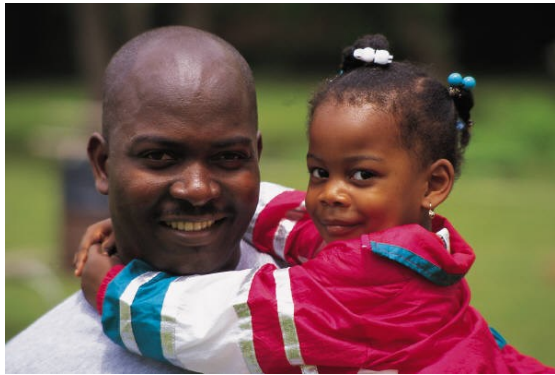


“Helping working families access quality child care and subsidy assistance”

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The Workforce Development Institute (WDI) provides education and training programs that support working families across New York State.

The Child Care Facilitated Enrollment Program was created through the initiative of organized labor to provide child care subsidies to income eligible working families in Oneida County.



The program's goal is to create a convenient process to help working families obtain the resources and knowledge needed to access quality child care for their children.

What can the Child Care Facilitated Enrollment Program do to help working families in Oneida County?

- Provide child care subsidy assistance to qualifying working families.
- Assist families in the selection of developmentally appropriate and safe child care sites.
- Provide local and state child care and other family resource information.

How does a working family qualify for the program?

- Be employed a minimum of 25 hours a week and have a family income below that shown in the table.*
- Have children under 13 years of age.
- Reside in Oneida County.

| Family Size | Maximum Income |
|-------------|----------------|
| 2 | 42,653 |
| 3 | 53,707 |
| 4 | 64,762 |
| 5 | 75,817 |
| 6 | 86,872 |

* FPL effective 6-1-13

How does a working family apply for the subsidy?

1. Call 315-793-5305 to speak with a WDI child care staff person.
2. If eligible, complete the application process. Applications and required documentation can be submitted via fax, mail or in person at the Utica Office.
3. When complete, WDI will submit the application to the Oneida County DSS Child Care Subsidy Unit for approval and day care subsidy authorization
4. **Families are responsible for a weekly parent fee paid directly to the child care provider.**



Applicants may select any day care, after school or informal provider, as long as the provider is licensed, registered or legally exempt.