

Child Care Professionals Network

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DELCO School Age Child Care COVID Support

CCPN is thrilled to announce Delaware County Council has unanimously approved and funded our proposal for \$2,000,000.00 for DELCO School Age Child Care COVID Support. These resources are for families who have found themselves with additional child care related costs as a result of needing school aged care for their children who are not able to attend school full time due to the pandemic. CCPN worked closely with ELRC 15, and the Delaware County Women's Commission on this project. According to information provided by the ELRC there are approximately 320 programs open and accepting children on a daily basis. It is estimated that there may be upwards of 3000 families needing support. High quality care can cost up to \$60.00 per day per child. This funding will provide a portion of those costs directly to the licensed center in Delaware County where the child(ren) attend. Families will be responsible for any additional costs. Child Care programs will be sent payments directly for the children who are cared for not to the parents. This program will be modeled after programs that are presently in place in neighboring counties.

Early Childhood Program Guidelines:

Programs wishing to participate will be required to complete a simple application at ccpnpa.org/covid-support providing CCPN with the legal entity information for their program including accounts payable information. We must have proof of an active DHS license in good standing (no violations) including MPI #. Programs will verify attendance monthly, and the appropriate payment will be processed. Through the application process the programs will certify that the subsidy will be applied to reduce the payment for care of the eligible family.

Family Program (Eligibility) Guidelines:

Definition of family from the PA Bulletin:

§ 3041.31. Family size.

- (a) Individuals included in the definition of family shall be included in determining family size.
- (b) An individual applying as a parent and a caretaker may only be counted once.
- (c) An individual may not be included in more than one family unless the individual is a child who is in a shared custody arrangement between two families and both families are seeking subsidized child care.

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(d) A foster child may be counted as a family of one or may be included in a family as defined in this chapter.

Family—The child or children for whom subsidized child care is requested and the following individuals who live with that child or children in the same household:

- (i) A parent of the child.
- (ii) A caretaker and a caretaker's spouse.
- (iii) A biological, adoptive or foster child or stepchild of the parent or caretaker who is under 18 years of age and not emancipated by marriage or by the court.
- (iv) An unrelated child under the care and control of the parent or caretaker, who is under 18 years of age and not emancipated by marriage or by the court.
- (v) A child who is 18 years of age or older but under 22 years of age who is enrolled in a high school, a general educational development program or a post-secondary program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate and who is wholly or partially dependent upon the income of the parent or caretaker or spouse of the parent or caretaker.

Families Meeting the Guidelines Below are Eligible to Apply:

• Gross income must fall within less than 100% of the income chart below (based on Area Median Income).

Total Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maximum income		74,220	83,520	92,760	100,200	107,640	115,080

- Families must provide proof of residency in Delaware County PA and be adversely affected by COVID-19.
- Families must complete the application and provide verification of income and family size
- Families must identify a DHS licensed child care center, Family Child Care Home or a Group Child Care Home and verification of their child's enrollment (copy of fee agreement from the program). Families will be asked to attest the need for care is related to work or school schedule of parent or legal guardian.

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- Documentation of care and control/custody of the children for whom they are applying must be provided and verified.
- Children requiring care must be ages 5 to 13 years
- Payments will be submitted directly to the child care provider(s) named by the family.
- The maximum payment amount of \$40.00 per service day will be paid per child, per day not to exceed \$1800.00 or 45 service days.

To Apply:

Applications must be submitted between November 23, 2020 and December 23, 2020.

Complete the online application at <u>ccpnpa.org/covid-support</u> and submit the required documentation as a single application to Child Care Professionals Network. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. CCPN staff will be available to provide support in completing the application. Applications may also be mailed to:

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