



# NEW Child Care Assistance Eligibility

## New Eligibility Criteria

On April 1, new eligibility criteria for child care assistance in Virginia went into effect. Thanks to HB2206, more families will be able to access child care.

- Families can receive financial assistance while looking for work
- There is NO requirement to participate in child support enforcement
- For a short period of time, there are higher income limits for families with kids 5 & under through July 31, 2021!

## New income eligibility levels for families with kids 5 & under

Family Size	Monthly Income	Annual Income
2	\$5,040	\$60,480
3	\$6,226	\$74,712
4	\$7,412	\$88,944

## How to Apply

Online through CommonHelp or In-Person at your local Department of Social Services or visit:

<https://commonhelp.virginia.gov>

## How Does it Work

Applications can take up to 30 days to process. Families must have a provider selected when applying.

After approved, families receive a swipe card to pay the child care program monthly. The provider will be paid the reimbursement rate determined for the locality and age of child.

For example, a family with an infant in Henrico would be able to pay a child care center about \$1,000 per month with this assistance.



## Are there long waiting lists for acceptance?

NO! Not right now because participation is down.

## Find a Child Care Program

Find a child care program by searching online at

[dss.virginia.gov/facility/search/cc2.cgi](https://dss.virginia.gov/facility/search/cc2.cgi)

OR

calling ChildCareAware VA at

1-866-KIDS-TLC

Visit [dss.virginia.gov](https://dss.virginia.gov) for more information.