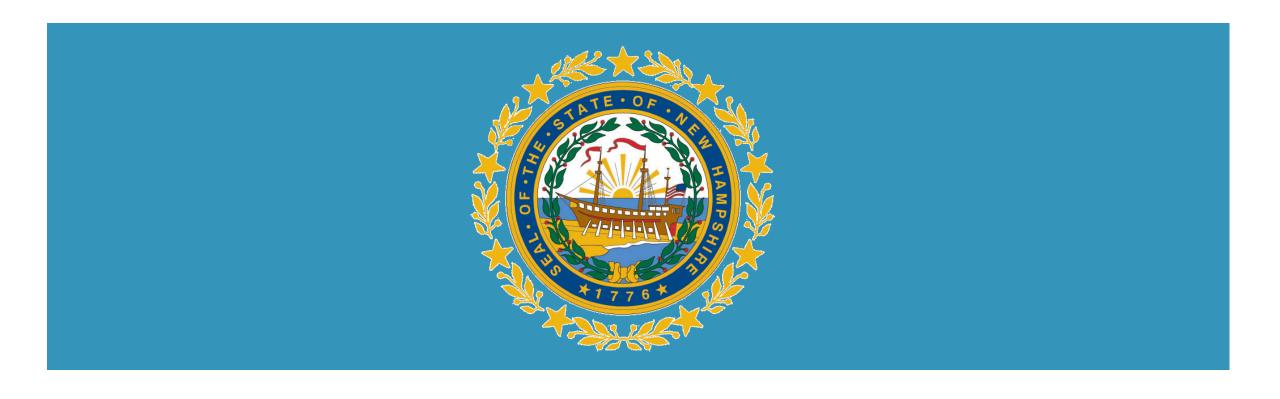
NH CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 101



DHHS CHILD CARE SUPPORT PROGRAMS

CCDF Child Care Development Funds

- Child Care & Development fund (CCDF)
 Employment-related child care
- Funds managed by DHHS Bureau of Child Development & Head Start Collaboration

Preventative Child care

- Must be enrolled and participating in the Comprehensive Family Support Program
- Managed by DHHS Division of Economic Housing and Stability
- Administered through 11 Family Resource Centers



ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP

Child Care Scholarship is available for children who are:



A resident of New Hampshire



Residing with the parent, caretaker relative or legal guardian applying for Child Care Scholarship



A U.S. Citizen or a Qualified non-U.S. Citizen

INCOME AND RESOURCE LIMIT FOR CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP

Application

| Family Size | July 2021- 220% Monthly |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| - 1 | \$2362 |
| 2 | \$3194 |
| 3 | \$4026 |
| 4 | \$4859 |
| 5 | \$5691 |
| 6 | \$6523 |
| 7 | \$7356 |

<u>Recipients</u>

| Family Size | July 2021- 250% Monthly |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| - 1 | \$2684 |
| 2 | \$3630 |
| 3 | \$4575 |
| 4 | \$5521 |
| 5 | \$6467 |
| 6 | \$7413 |
| 7 | \$8359 |

<u>During 12 month Certification</u> <u>period</u>

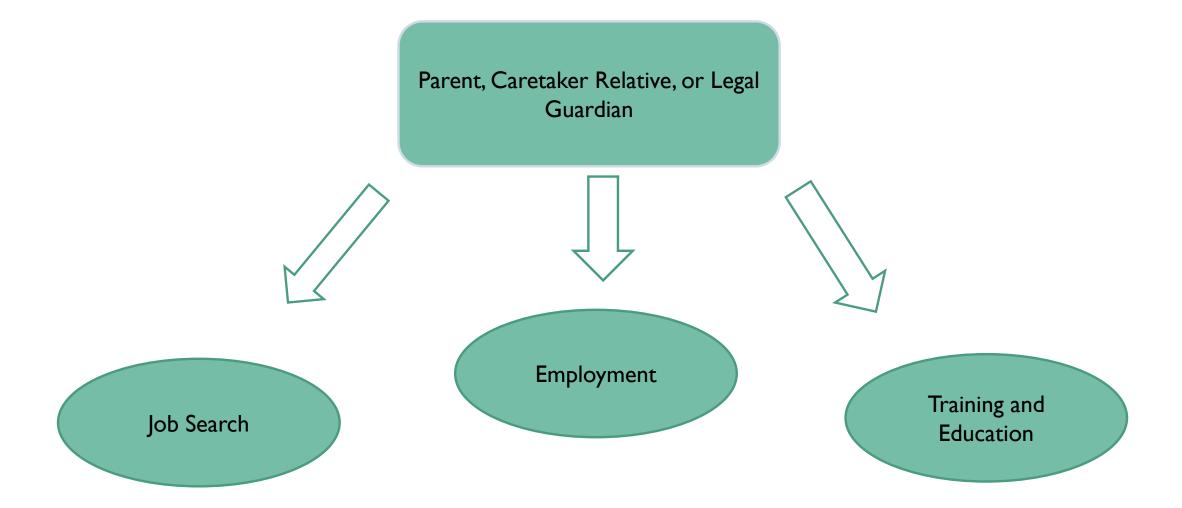
| Family Size | July 2021- 85% of the State Median |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| I | \$4278 |
| 2 | \$5594 |
| 3 | \$6911 |
| 4 | \$8227 |
| 5 | \$9543 |
| 6 | \$10859 |
| 7 | \$11106 |

Resource Limit - Cannot exceed | Million Dollars

NH CHILD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



ELIGIBILITY FOR NH CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP



APPROVED ACTIVITIES - JOB SEARCH





- Actively seeking a job
- At initial and redetermination applicant must provide verification they are job searching
- Limited to 92 Calendar Days in a 6 month period, or can be used again sooner if the parent/caretaker relative/legal guardian enters into another approved activity.

APPROVED ACTIVITIES - EMPLOYMENT



Employment



To be considered employed, an individual must be receiving payment or in-kind compensation for work performed.

APPROVED ACTIVITIES - TRAINING AND EDUCATION POST-SECONDARY TRAINING OR EDUCATION



Training and Education

Post –Secondary Training or education



- Post-Secondary Training or education (individuals not participating with the NHEP program) must lead to a degree, certificate, or license that would allow for immediate application towards employment
- Cannot result in a degree at the bachelors level or higher (unless receiving TANF financial assistance).
- This activity can only be used as an activity for the Child Care Scholarship for 104 weeks.

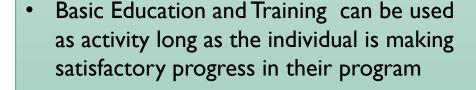
APPROVED ACTIVITIES - TRAINING AND EDUCATION BASIC EDUCATION OR TRAINING



Training and Education

Basic Education &

Training



Basic Education programs consist of:

- High School or High School Equivalency
- General Education Development (GED)or HiSet
- Adult Basic Education (ABE) or
- English as a Second Langue (ESL)
- No Limit like Post-Secondary Training and education

APPROVED ACTIVITIES - TRAINING AND EDUCATION NHEP PARTICIPATION



Training and Education

Participating in (NHEP) New
Hampshire Employment
Program



- Participating in the New Hampshire Employment Program
- Individuals in NHEP need to be in working in an approved activity from their employability plan
- To remain open under this activity the participant must stay in compliance with the program
- No Limit like Post-Secondary Training and education

APPROVED ACTIVITIES- MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM



NHEP and FAP recipients-Mental Health and Substance Misuse Treatment Program



- Eligible adult recipient of the New
 Hampshire Employment Program (NHEP)
 or the Family Assistance Program (FAP)
 cash and participating in a Mental Health or
 Substance Misuse treatment program
- Form 2691, Verification for Participation in a Mental Health or Substance Misuse Treatment Program

EXPEDITED CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Homelessness- McKinney-Vento

2. If enrolled in NHEP

Enrolled in NHEP and are receiving mental health treatment or Substance Misuse treatment

HOMELESSNESS- MCKINNEY-VENTO

Children experiencing homelessness when they lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence which includes:

Sharing the housing of another person due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason Living in motels, hotels, trailer parkers or camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodation

Abandoned in a hospital

Living in emergency or transitional shelters

Children who have primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodations for human beings

(cars, parks, public spaces, bus stations)

APPLYING FOR EXPEDITED CHILD CARE



Homelessness



Parent/Caretaker Relative/Legal Guardian must be in an approved activity and meet the CC scholarship eligibility



All information can be self-declared for expedited child care



A child care provider must be identified, and they must be currently enrolled with the NH Child Care Scholarship Program. Once Linked a provider can bill while the family is open for expedited child care



Expedited child care must be determined within 7 calendar days of the date the office receives the application, with a final eligibility decision made within 30 calendar days for ongoing Child Care



All required verification for NH Child Care Scholarship eligibility must be provided within 30 calendar days or Expedited Child Care will terminate 30 days from the Child Care provider link begin date.

SERVICE LEVELS

| | LEVEL OF SERVICE |
|----------------------------|---|
| Full Time Level of Service | 31 or more hours per week |
| Half Time Level of Service | Greater than 15 but less than or equal to 30 hours per week |
| Part Time Level of Service | 1 to 15 hours per week |
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Family's authorized level of services is determined by the number of hours per week in which the parent is participating in a approved activity plus an hour of commute per day in an approved activity, unless commute hours are not needed.

- **Employment:** Hours are based on the averaged hours worked a week, plus one hour of commute per day worked. Resting Hours are allowed when an individual works any 4 hours the previous day between IOPM-6AM. Resting hours cannot exceed the number of hours worked.
- **Job Search**: Individuals using Job Search as an activity can self-declare the number of hours and days that they are actively looking for employment, they are also allowed an hour of commute each day they are job searching.
- **Training and Education:** Hours are based on the number of hours in the classroom, plus study hours- Study hours must not exceed the number of classroom hours, or credit hours for internet courses, and must be used within the same week as those classroom or credit hours.
- Multiple Activities: when a parent has multiple approved activities, the authorized level of service is based on the combination of all approved activities
- Two-Parent Families: when a parent has multiple approved activities, the authorized level of service is based on the combination of all approved activities

PROVIDER TYPE

Care Center
Operated in a center

Operated in a center and serves groups of children, infant/toddler, night care, preschool, school-age or any combination thereof within certain staff to child ratios set forth by the Child Care Licensing Unit

Licensed Family Child Care

Operated by an individual(s) in whose home family child care services (up to 6 children from one or more unrelated families) or family group child care services (7-12 children from one or more unrelated families)

License-Exempt Center

Operated in a center, public or private elementary or secondary education school, municipal recreation program, after-school and summer recreational program or day camp For children 72 – 155 months (6 years old – up to 13 years old)

License-Exempt Family

Care for three or fewer children
Be someone other than the parent of the child
Be age 18 or older
Residing somewhere other than the child's home

COST SHARE VS CO-PAY

- Cost Share
 Deducted from the standard rate or the rate a provider charges private families, whichever is less
 Cost share is based on the families income at date of application

• If the standard rate is less than a provider charges private pay families, the providers may charge the family the difference between the standard rate and the weekly rate

A provider may NOT charge a family receiving scholarship more than they charge a private pay family

PREVENTATIVE CHILD CARE (MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM- CFSS)

Preventative child care is a tool for the CFSS program providers to authorize to support families as they over come their barriers to family well being

Families must be enrolled and actively participating in the CFSS program with an individual service plan

Preventative child care

Offered to families who are at risk of child abuse and neglect

Preventative child care is short term and can NOT exceed a year

Authorizations are give in 4 month increments

During the authorized child care period parents/guardians will activity be working with their home visitor to identify other child care support options along with educational supports when applicable.

COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDERS

> Berlin and Littleton District Office: Family Resource Center at Gorham

Serving the Berlin catchment areas

123 Main Street Gorham, NH 03581

603-723-6533

Gabrielle Flanders

Claremont District Office: TLC Family Resource Center

Serving the Claremont catchment area

109 Pleasant Street

Claremont, NH 03743

603-542-1848 Ext 302

Rene Couitt

> Concord, Manchester Southern District Office: Waypoint

Serving Manchester, Concord and Southern catchment areas

99 Hanover Street

Manchester, NH 03101

603-668-6260- Central Intake

Manchester-Lisa Anderson- 603-518-4124

Nashua- Carrie Santos-603-518-4295

Concord- Melissa Davis- 603-518-4124

> Conway District Office: Children Unlimited Inc.

Serving the Conway catchment area

182 West Main Street

Conway, NH 03818

603-447-6358Barbara Ross

> Keene District Office: Home, Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services

Serving the Keene catchment area

312 Marlboro Street

Keene, NH 03431

603-352-2253

Penny Vaine

> Laconia District Office: Family Resource Center of Central NH

Serving the Laconia catchment area

719 North Main Street

Laconia, NH 03246

603-581-1560

Alysia Tandy

Portsmouth District Office: Families First Health & Support Center

Serving the Seacoast catchment area

100 Campus Drive, Suite 12

Portsmouth, NH 03820

603-422-8209 X 314

JoAnn Clement

> Rochester District Office: Community Action Partnership of Strafford County

Serving the Rochester catchment area

PO Box 160

Dover, NH 03821

603-435-2500 ext. 8108

Paula Gyurcsan

PREVENTATIVE CHILD CARE (CONT.)

Individual Service Plan (ISP)

Dropping their children off on time and picking their children up and following center expectations

Children receiving preventative child care will be identified on their ISP as an approved activity

Parents will receive expectations of their role in ensuring the child care is used appropriately

Activities for parents will be identified while the child is in care

GROWING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE TOGETHER

FAMILIES-PROVIDERS-COMMUNITIES

- Where can I find the right child care for my family?
- Why is child care important?
- What are different types of child care available in the state?

Child Care Aware of NH- NH Connections

- Southern New Hampshire Services, Child Care Aware of NH is a Statewide Child Care Resource & Referral
 program helping families find child care
- https://www.nh-connections.org/