



DES

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Child Care Assistance for Arizona's Educators



DES Child Care Assistance

- DES provides child care assistance to eligible families who have children from birth through age 12 and have an income at or below 165% of the Federal Poverty Level. Parents/guardians will also need to participate in employment and specific education and training activities related to employment.
- Child care assistance is also available for children experiencing homelessness and children referred by the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) or a Tribal child welfare program.
- An individual must complete an application for child care and submit it to any local DES office in person, by email, or fax, along with documentation of eligible activity, as applicable.
- **Contact:** Review the [Child Care Assistance Program Brochure](#), and visit the [Child Care Assistance](#) page on the DES website for more details, application information, and a list of DES offices.

Arizona Education Workforce Scholarship



- Parents working in child care, public, or charter schools, serving as teachers, assistants, and other staff who provide direct care and ancillary support to children or whose critical job functions cannot be completed remotely can apply for the scholarship through March 31, 2024.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to eligible applicants, and are dependent upon capacity and resources available.
- Parent eligibility:
 - Child's age is Birth through age 12;
 - Critical job functions cannot be completed remotely (telework);
 - Household income is \$65,000 or less annually;
 - Lack of child care is preventing the parent from performing essential job duties.
- **Contact:** For additional program information and application details, visit the [Arizona Education Workforce Scholarship](#) page on the DES website.

Child Care for Students in Higher Education

Current DES Child Care Assistance Families

- Parents currently receiving DES child care assistance who return to school full-time may request a work activity waiver to continue receiving child care assistance while completing education requirements.
- **Contact:** Speak with your current DES eligibility specialist, or visit the [Child Care Assistance](#) page on the DES website for a list of DES offices.

Higher Education Child Care Project (HECCP)

- Student parents attending school at a DES HECCP community college or university may be eligible for child care assistance through the HECCP.
- **Contact:** Visit the [Child Care Assistance](#) page "Additional Student Resources" for more information, or speak to your school's HECCP program.

Visit the DES Child Care Webpage



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