

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Child Care Administration
DES CHILD CARE SERVICES INFORMATION

REPORT CHANGES IMMEDIATELY

If you or any household member experience changes in employment or school status, income, Cash Assistance status, an increase or decrease in household size, or any other changes which may effect your eligibility for DES Child Care services, you must report the change within **two (2) work days** to your local DES Child Care office. You may be required to submit one or more of the applicable types of verification listed below.

VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- If you are working, or are in a work study program, provide:
 - copies of your paycheck stubs for the most recent 30 day period, or
 - a current statement signed by your employer verifying monthly gross wages, frequency of pay and days/hours of employment. Also, include verification of tips, bonuses, commissions or allowances and the frequency of payment.
- If you are self-employed, provide a copy of your annual tax return, quarterly tax statement or weekly/monthly ledgers verifying gross income, receipts for business income and expenses for the last three months.
- If you are attending school or training, provide a current statement from the school or training program verifying start and end dates of the activity, and days/hours of attendance, and you may be required to verify that you are maintaining satisfactory progress or remain in good standing with the educational institution. Note: In order to receive child care benefits for school or training purposes, you must be employed an average of at least 20 hours per week per calendar month (excluding teen parents in high school/GED and Jobs participants).

VERIFICATION OF OTHER INCOME

- If receiving Unemployment Insurance, Social Security, Veterans' or any other type of benefits, provide a copy of the current award letter.
- **Child Support.** If you receive child support payments through a court, provide a current printout verifying the most recent payment. If the child support payment is not received through the court, provide the court order or ATLAS number.
- If you pay child support for any children who do not live with you, provide a court order or divorce decree specifying the amount paid each month.
- If you have adult relatives **living with you**, you and your adult relative must determine through discussion, whether they intend to claim you or any of your family members as a dependent on their state and federal income tax return. You and your relative(s) may be required to complete and sign the **Tax Claimant Declaration, CCA-1105A** and return it to your DES Child Care Specialist.
- If any of the adult relatives **living with you** intend to claim you, your child(ren), or your spouse (or other parent of your children), or the children of your spouse or other parent from a prior relationship as a tax dependent, you are required to provide verification of your relative's current income and the current income of your relative's spouse (if married).

CHILD CARE FOR MEDICAL REASONS

You must provide a current statement from your licensed physician, certified psychologist, or certified behavioral health specialist explaining how the medical condition prevents you or the other parent in the home from providing care to your child(ren); the duration and frequency that child care is needed must be specified.

CHILD CARE FOR SHELTER RESIDENT

You must provide a current statement from the shelter specifying the number of hours per day, days per week, and duration of your current activity.

WAITING LIST REQUIREMENTS

- When a Waiting List is in effect, priority for services will be given to families with income at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level based on the date the application was received by the Department.
- If you are on the Waiting List, you may remain on the list as long as your family continues to meet income and other eligibility requirements, including continuing to cooperate with the Department to redetermine eligibility as requested. Failure to comply with the case review process or to provide requested verification may result in the removal of your name from the Waiting List. Once removed from the Waiting List, you will need to reapply for child care services. If you reapply after the review date and you are determined eligible, your name will be added back to the Waiting List effective the date you reapply.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CASH ASSISTANCE FAMILIES IN EDUCATION/TRAINING ACTIVITIES

If you are receiving Cash Assistance benefits, and are receiving child care services for education/training needs, you must comply with the Jobs program (*if contacted by Jobs*) as a requirement for Cash Assistance and child care eligibility. If you are contacted by the Jobs program, you are required to participate in all Jobs activities as assigned. Failure to comply with Jobs requirements may result in a sanction; your Cash Assistance benefits may be reduced, and you may lose child care eligibility.

ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A CHILD CARE PROVIDER

The Child Care Resource and Referral service (CCR&R) can assist you in finding a child care provider that meets your needs. This free service is available to all families. Please call 1-800-308-9000 for information about locating a child care provider.

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