

DES Child Care Assistance Waiting List Information



DES now has a child care waiting list in place for most families applying to the program due to increased demand and limited funding.

Please note: The waiting list will only affect new applicants. Current Child Care Assistance recipients will not be affected.

Families will receive a notice by mail when it is time to renew and provide DES with information to continue receiving child care assistance.

Who Will Not Be Placed On The Waiting List

While the waiting list is active, families who apply for child care assistance will be placed on it unless they meet one of these exceptions established in federal or state law:

- Families who are referred for Child Care Assistance from the Jobs program and need Child Care Assistance to participate in the Jobs Program;
- Cash Assistance participants who need Child Care Assistance to maintain employment;
- Former Cash Assistance participants who need Child Care Assistance to maintain employment under the Transitional Child Care program;
- Families referred from the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) or Tribal Child Welfare who need Child Care Assistance as documented in a DCS or foster care case plan, and who are referred to DES for Child Care Assistance;
- Families who are currently receiving child care through a referral from DCS, and require Child Care Assistance for other children in their household; and
- Families who have a child who was receiving Child Care Assistance through a referral from DCS or tribal child welfare within the last 30 days are not subject to the waiting list when applying for child care for other children in the household.

Additional Information

- Families can find more information about the waiting list, resources, and download the Child Care Assistance application at des.az.gov/child-care-assistance
- Applications can be submitted to a local DES Child Care office. Find a location near you: des.az.gov/find-your-local-office.