



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Your Partner For A Stronger Arizona



Division of Child Care

Welcome/Introduction

Presenter:

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- Former educator, mother of 4 children
 - Collaborate with the community engagement liaison to cover all of Arizona
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Division of Child Care 2

Supporting the well-being and economic independence of Arizona's families by providing quality child care assistance and services.

Administrations

- Family Support and Eligibility
- Provider Network Support
- Early Childhood Education Quality and Systems Building
- Performance and Strategic Initiatives
- Business Operations Support
- Information Technology and Systems

Integrated Support

- Office of the Inspector General
- Office of Professional Development
- Tribal Affairs
- Communications
- Human Resources
- Community Engagement



Division of Child Care 3

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Legal Authority: The 2014 Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) recognized that child care providers play a critical role in early childhood brain development.

States are required to ensure equal access to quality care, focused on child development & well-being.

- ★ **In Arizona, we accomplish this through State, Tribal & Community Coordination, Child Care Assistance, DHS Licensing Standards, the DES Provider Registration Agreement, Certified Family Providers, and Quality Set Aside.**
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Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

Major Provisions of CCDF:

- Protect the **health and safety** of children in child care.
- Help parents make **informed choices** and access information to support child development.
- Support **equal access** to stable, high **quality** child care for children from low income families.
- Enhance the quality of the early childhood and child care **workforce**.



DES Child Care Assistance Program

Child care assistance is available for families at or below 165% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) with children 12 years of age or younger:

- Low-income working families
 - Full or part-time employment
 - Self-employment
- Teen parents enrolled in high school, GED, ESOL, or remedial education programs
- Residents of homeless or domestic violence shelters
- Individuals who are unable to care for their children due to:
 - A physical, mental or emotional condition
- Individuals who are unavailable to care for their children due to:
 - Participation in court-ordered community service
 - Participation in a drug treatment program

**A child care application is required.
Verification of income and activity are required.**

DES Child Care Assistance Program 2

Child care assistance is available for other individuals and children in certain circumstances, without regard to income, for the following:

- Referrals from the Arizona Department of Child Safety or Tribal Child Welfare programs
- Referrals from a DES Jobs Program
- DES Cash Assistance recipients
 - Grant Diversion program for job search
 - A child care application is required.
 - TANF recipients who are employed
 - A child care application and verification of employment are required.

Child care assistance is also available for grandparents and guardians when the following criteria are met *(Only income received on behalf of the child is considered for child care assistance):*

- When the parent of the child is not living in the same home
 - When the grandparent or guardian is engaged in an eligible activity
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DES Child Care Provider Network

Child Care Providers contract with DES to provide services to eligible children and families for financial reimbursement.

- Statewide, there are about 2,800 DHS licensed/certified child care providers.
 - Appx. 50% are contracted to serve DES families
 - Average assistance and reimbursement to child care providers is approximately \$950 per month per child
 - Nearly 30% of all children authorized for DES child care assistance are referred by the Department of Child Safety
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Becoming a DES Child Care Provider

There are 3 types of DES providers that care for families who receive DES child care assistance:

- **Certified Family Child Care Providers:** DES certified family child care providers to care for up to four children at one time in their home for compensation.
 - **DES Contracted Child Care Centers and Child Care Group Homes:** DHS Licensed Centers and Certified Group Homes can contract with DES and receive financial reimbursement for providing child care to children eligible for DES child care assistance.
 - **Non-Certified Relative Providers (NCRP):** An NCRP provides child care services within the State of Arizona for members of their own family who are related by blood, marriage or by court decree, who are approved for DES child care, and have identified the NCRP as their child care provider.
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DES Child Care Resource & Referral

Families receiving DES child care assistance must choose a DES provider for child care.

Arizona's Child Care Resource & Referral helps families find the best care options for their children by providing information for their child care search and decision, including:

- Searchable registry of local child care programs
- State licensing rules and regulations
- Availability of child care assistance
- Quality child care indicators



Child Care Resource & Referral: Visit azccrr.com

OR call: 1.800.308.9000

Applying for Child Care



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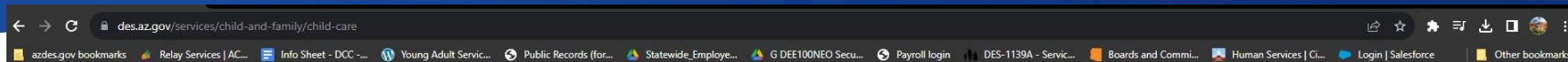


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The Department of Economic Security's Division of Child Care (DCC) provides child care assistance to eligible families who participate in employment activities and specific education and training courses. Child care services are delivered by a network of child care providers, which includes centers, child care homes, and individual family members who contract or have an agreement with DES to provide child care for eligible children and families.



Apply for Child Care Assistance



[Español](#)

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DCC offers child care assistance for low-income families, teen parents, and other individuals needing support.



[Looking for Quality Child Care[®]](#)

Find assistance with the important steps in starting a child care search through Arizona Child Care Resource & Referral website or by phone at 1-800-308-9000.



[Become a Child Care Provider](#)

DCC can support new and prospective child care providers get started! Whether it's at a facility, or a family environment.



[Professional Development for DES Child Care Providers](#)

DCC collaborates with state



[Child Care Grants and Scholarships](#)

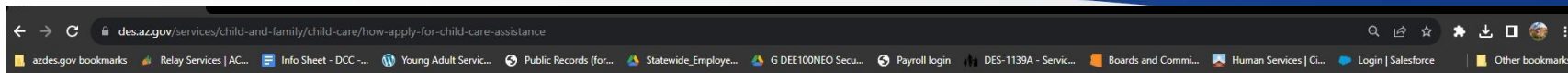
Arizona's child care network received large relief funding to



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For general inquiries, or to reach the Child Care Family Support and Eligibility Administration, or the

Complete the Child Care Application



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How to Apply for Child Care Assistance

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DES provides child care assistance to eligible families who participate in employment and specific education and training activities by providing financial support to offset a portion of child care costs for children from birth through age 12.

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.

Complete Child Care Application

Eligibility



Additional Student Resources



How to Apply for Child Care Assistance



After The Application



Find Child Care



Additional Information and Resources for Families



The Child Care Application

- Please make sure to download the Adobe Fill & Sign app on your computer, Android, or Apple Device
- Page 1: Necessary documents
- Fill in the application
- Download completed application
- Submit the application to your local DES Child Care Office, bring needed documents

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☐ NEW APPLICANT ☐ REDETERMINATION

☐ My child had Child Care through the AZ Department of Child Safety or Tribal Child Protective Services in the last 30 days.
Have you received subsidized child care assistance in another state? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, in what State/County did you receive subsidized child care assistance? _____

*RACE: AI: American Indian/Alaskan Native; AS: Asian; BL: Black or African American; NH: Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; WH: White

	YOUR LEGAL NAME (First, M.I., Last)	RACE *	SOCIAL SECURITY NO. (Optional)	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY)	MARITAL STATUS
1		<input type="checkbox"/> AI <input type="checkbox"/> AS <input type="checkbox"/> BL <input type="checkbox"/> NH <input type="checkbox"/> WH Hispanic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Never Been Married
	LEGAL NAME OF YOUR SPOUSE OR OTHER PARENT LIVING WITH YOU (First, M.I., Last)	RACE *	SOCIAL SECURITY NO. (Optional)	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY)	SPOUSE?
2		<input type="checkbox"/> AI <input type="checkbox"/> AS <input type="checkbox"/> BL <input type="checkbox"/> NH <input type="checkbox"/> WH Hispanic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Other names used by you (e.g. maiden, alias) : _____

Are you an enrolled member of an American Indian tribe? ☐ Yes ☐ No Which tribe? (Describe): _____

YOUR ADDRESS INFORMATION ☐ I am enrolled in the Address Confidentiality Program.

Applicant's Residential Address (House No., Street, Apt./Space No., City, State ZIP Code) _____

Applicant's Mailing Address (if different from residential address) _____

Phone No. _____ Message Phone No. (Alternate Phone No.) _____ Email Address _____

YOUR REASONS FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES

☐ Employment ☐ High School GED (under 20 years old) ☐ Medical ☐ Jobs Program
☐ Job Search (for Grant Diversion participant)
☐ Other (Describe): _____

YOUR CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION (if known)

WHICH CHILD CARE PROVIDER HAVE YOU CHOSEN?	PROVIDER'S ADDRESS & PHONE NO. (No., Street, City, State, ZIP Code)	CHILD(REN)

ABSENT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER INFORMATION

Is your spouse or any household member related to the child needing child care temporarily out of the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, Who? _____
Reason for Absence _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Do your family assets exceed \$1,000,000.00 (one million)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

After the Application

- Applications may take up to 30 days to process and complete
 - An eligibility specialist will let you know if additional information is needed
 - Your assigned eligibility specialist will:
 - Review your application
 - Let you know if there is more information needed
 - Determine whether you qualify for child care assistance and what your copay would be
 - Upon approval, please visit the Child Care Resource & Referral website or call to choose your child care provider, www.azccrr.com or call 1-800-309-9000
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Contact Information

DES Office of Tribal Relations: Tribal Liaison Manager:

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Division of Child Care/Arizona Early Intervention Program, Tribal Liaison:

Jerrilene Antone-Morton JAntonemorton@azdes.gov
602-859-0809

Division of Child Care: Community Engagement Liaison

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Thank you!