

Frequently Asked Questions

CCDF Eligibility

What are the qualifications for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)?

Applicants must meet certain nonfinancial and financial requirements. Nonfinancial requirements include state residency, working or going to school, child's citizenship and choosing a CCDF-eligible provider. Financial criteria include gross monthly income limits.

What are the requirements for a child to receive Child Care and Development Fund benefits?

- The applicant's child must be a U.S. citizen or qualified alien.
- The child may qualify up to age 13.
- Children with special needs may qualify up to the age of 18 years old

What are the income limits?

Eligibility for the Child Care and Development Fund is based on the total gross monthly income of the household. Gross monthly income is total income before taxes or any deductions. To be eligible, a family's income must be at or below 127% of the federal poverty level. Once on the CCDF program, a family's gross income cannot exceed 85% of the state median income to remain eligible.

Child Care and Development Fund Income Limits

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income Limits
1	\$1,363
2	\$1,844
3	\$2,324
4	\$2,805
5	\$3,285
6	\$3,766
7	\$4,246
8	\$4,727
9	\$5,207
10	\$5,687

2021 federal poverty levels at 127%



I am self-employed. Am I still eligible?

Yes you are, if you meet the income guidelines for the CCDF program.

My son/daughter has special needs. Can he or she still participate in the CCDF program? What types of services are available to help him or her?

Children with special needs can participate in the CCDF program. Providers who are licensed to take care of children with special needs are provided in the following website <https://www.in.gov/fssa/childcarefinder/>.

What are the guidelines for CCDF?

General guidelines for the program is available at [Child Care Development Fund Program](#).

State guidelines may change due to state and federal funding sources' criteria. Therefore, it is best to call and ask to make sure you qualify.

Who counts in the Child Care and Development Fund applicant's household (family)?

A Child Care and Development Fund household is one or more custodial adults and children related by blood or law, or other person standing in loco parentis, which means "in place of a parent," residing in the same CCDF household. Where custodial adults over the age of 18 (other than spouses or biological parents of the children needing services) reside together, each is considered a separate CCDF household. Wards of the local office of the Department of Child Services, foster children on Title IV-E, are the legal responsibility of DCS and not the CCDF household in which the child has been placed.