

Child Care Connection, Inc.

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Financial Assistance for Child Care

Many families' child care concerns include affordability. Child Care Connection strives to address this area through its full range of services. The agency assists parents financially through participation in several State-sponsored programs that help eligible families with the cost of child care for their children.

The following financial assistance programs are available to residents of the city of Trenton or Mercer County (for more specific information, click program link):

New Jersey Cares for Kids (NJCK) - Families may be eligible for financial assistance with the cost of child care through the *New Jersey Cares for Kids* program. Eligibility is determined by family size, employment and/or education hours, and income.

Dedicated Voucher Programs - The State of New Jersey has provided a limited number of dedicated voucher slots to approximately 15 child care centers. Children in the dedicated voucher slots must meet the same eligibility criteria as those on the *New Jersey Cares for Kids* child care subsidy program.

Mercer County Voucher Program - The *Mercer County Child Care Voucher Program* is a County-funded program that provides child care subsidy to moderate-income families that are over the income eligibility limit for the *New Jersey Cares for Kids* (NJCK) program.

DOE Pre-K Wrap-Around Program - Through a contract with the NJ Dept. of Education (DOE), Trenton's Public Schools now provide pre-K classes for children who turn three by September 30. While some of this early education service is provided in the public schools, most of it is subcontracted to local child care centers. The pre-K school day is 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and is available to age-eligible resident children regardless of family income; the Wrap-Around program pays for the extended care -- before and after the school day -- and is subject to income eligibility.

Head Start - The federal Head Start program provides grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies to provide free, comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families, with a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school.

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**New Jersey Cares for Kids (NJCK)
Maximum Allowable Gross Income for Initial Eligibility
(At or Below) ***

* SFY 2017 - Effective 3/1/2017

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>NJCK (Initial)</u>	<u>KINSHIP**</u>	<u>KINSHIP***</u>
2	\$ 32,480	\$ 56,840	\$ 81,200
3	\$ 40,840	\$ 71,470	\$ 102,100
4	\$ 49,200	\$ 86,100	\$ 123,000
5	\$ 57,560	\$ 100,730	\$ 143,900
6	\$ 65,920	\$ 115,360	\$ 164,800
7	\$ 74,280	\$ 129,990	\$ 185,700
8	\$ 82,640	\$ 144,620	\$ 206,600
9	\$ 91,000	\$ 159,250	\$ 227,500
10	\$ 99,360	\$ 173,880	\$ 248,400
11	\$ 107,720	\$ 188,510	\$ 269,300
12	\$ 116,080	\$ 203,140	\$ 290,200

Note: Parent(s) must be working, in school, or in a job training program a minimum of 30 hours per week. For additional information, or to request an application for child care subsidy, please call the NJCK Department at Child Care Connection at 609-989-8035.

** Initial Kinship eligibility for clients under age 60
***Initial Kinship eligibility for clients over age 60



Mercer County Child Care Voucher Program
Income Eligibility Ranges (based on family size)
*** Effective MARCH 1, 2017**

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Eligible Annual Income Ranges:</u>	<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>
2		\$ 32,481	\$ 56,840
3		\$ 40,841	\$ 71,470
4		\$ 49,201	\$ 86,100
5		\$ 57,561	\$ 100,730
6		\$ 65,921	\$ 115,360
7		\$ 74,281	\$ 129,990
8		\$ 82,641	\$ 144,620
9		\$ 91,001	\$ 159,250
10		\$ 99,361	\$ 173,880
11		\$ 107,721	\$ 188,510
12		\$ 116,081	\$ 203,140

For additional information, or to request an application for the Mercer County Child Care Voucher Program, please call Child Care Connection at 609-989-7889.