

HOW TO APPLY FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

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COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) provides child care assistance to families who are working, searching for employment, pursuing education or job training, or who are enrolled in the Colorado Works program.

SERVICE PROVIDER ROLE

Service providers can support teen parents in accessing CCAP by helping answer the following eligibility questions.

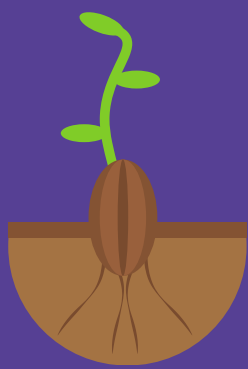
OTHER ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

Is the teen parent engaged in an eligible activity (such as attending junior high/middle school, high school, GED program, vocational/technical training activity, employment or job search)?

SIT DOWN WITH THE TEEN PARENT AND ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

Does the teen parent reside in Colorado? Does the parent have at least one child who is under 13 years old (or 19 years old if the child has special needs or a disability and requires child care)?

PARENTS THRIVE WHEN THEIR CHILDREN THRIVE.



WHAT IS THE TEEN PARENT'S INCOME?

Keep in Mind

Counties set income maximums for eligibility for families, but must serve families with income of 165 percent or less of the federal poverty guideline (if funding allows). For purposes of applying for CCAP, the income eligibility is calculated based on the household, considered to be the mother, father and child. **No one else living in the house is considered for eligibility purposes.**

IS THE TEEN PARENT'S CHILD A U.S. CITIZEN?

Keep in Mind

Each county CCAP administrator focuses on the citizenship status of the child and not the parent. Counties cannot provide supports for undocumented children however. If the child is a citizen or a Lawful Permanent Resident, **the parents' immigration status does not matter.**

Keep in Mind

A 2016 law exempts teen parents from child support cooperation requirements as a condition of receiving child care assistance.

CHILD CARE FACT



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Access to quality affordable child care has demonstrated an increase in attendance, improved academics, and higher graduation rates for teen parents.

In March 2020, only 533 children of teen parents were receiving CCAP benefits, which is approximately 3-5% of eligible children.

Visit coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com for more information.

A teen parent can apply for Colorado CCAP online, by mail or by contacting your county's department of human/social services.



APPLYING FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

YOU CAN APPLY FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE ONLINE, BY MAIL OR BY CONTACTING YOUR COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN/SOCIAL SERVICES.
VISIT COLORADOOFFICEOFFEARLYCHILDHOOD.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Sit down with a trusted person (could be a service provider) and answer these questions.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Do you reside in Colorado?
Do you have at least one child who is under 13 years old (or 19 years old if the child has special needs or a disability and requires child care)?



Eligible activity.

WHAT IS AN ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY?

Are you engaged in an eligible activity (such as attending junior high/middle school, high school, GED program, vocational/technical training activity, employment or job search)?



Income status.

WHAT IS YOUR INCOME?

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Your child's status.

IS YOUR CHILD A U.S. CITIZEN?

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Conditions that will not restrict you from receiving child care assistance.

- The income of the grandparents does not impact the eligibility of the teen parent.
- The citizenship of the child's parents does not impact eligibility. However, the child must be a citizen or a Lawful Permanent Resident.
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**GET APPLICATION STARTED. CONGRATULATIONS!
TEEN PARENT IS EMPOWERED.**