

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility for the program is based on gross income and family size. In addition, you must be participating in one of the following approved activities to qualify: employment, school, vocational program, or approved work program.

When you meet the qualifications, your children will remain eligible until the age of 13. Children with special needs may remain eligible until the age of 18.



Publicly funded Child Care Assistance covers part of child care costs for children of eligible caretakers (parents) who are working or in school.

The program is provided through the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services.

Stark County Job & Family Services

Division of Human Services

221 3rd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
Cash, food, & medical assistance applications
Customer service: 1-844-640-OHIO (6446)
Child Care: 330-452-4661

Division of Children Services

402 2nd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
Report child abuse and neglect: 330-455-KIDS
Foster care and adoption: 330-451-8789

Division of Child Support

221 3rd St. SE, Canton, OH 44702
Customer service: 330-451-8930
Payment information: JFS.ohio.gov/ocs

Executive Offices

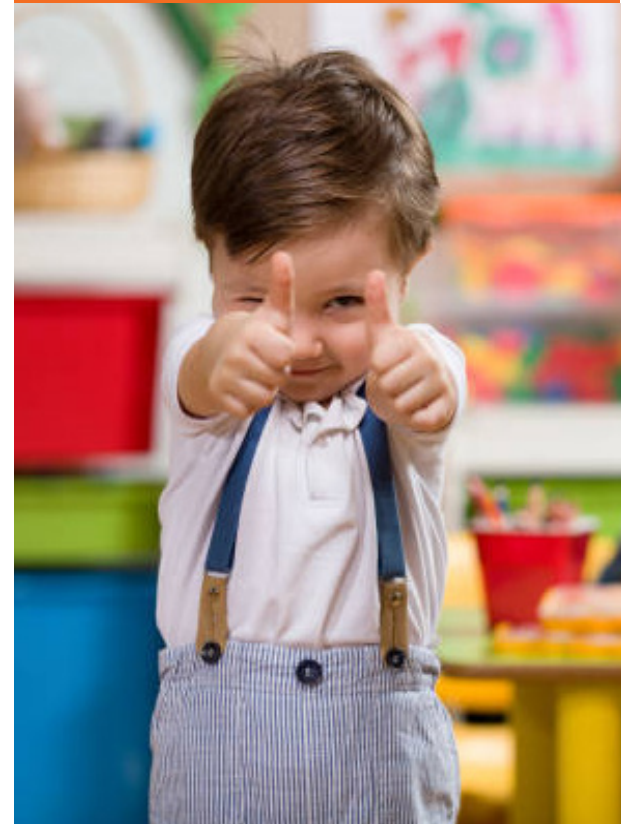
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Child Care Assistance

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Types of child care providers

A list of approved child care providers, as well as, their hours of operations and ages of children they are able to accommodate, is available from Stark County Job&Family Services. Provider information is subject to change, so it is best to contact the provider directly.

There are 3 types of providers available from which you can choose:

Licensed Centers: A child care center is any facility licensed through ODJFS that cares for more than 12 children at a time. Child care centers often group children together according to age. Licensing reports are available online at jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/families.stm.

Licensed Type A Homes: Type A homes are private residences licensed through ODJFS to care for up to 12 children. Child care homes typically have children of all ages grouped together. Their licensing inspection reports can be viewed online at jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/families.stm.

Licensed Type B Homes: A type B home is a private residence licensed by ODJFS and inspected by the residing county's Job & Family Services office. These providers are for up to 6 children. If an individual wishes to become a licensed Type B home provider, they may contact Stark County Job & Family Services 330-451-8515

Child care hours of operation

Most licensed child care centers are open Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Only a few child care centers are open evenings and weekends.

Some licensed Type A and Type B homes are open seven days a week, and operate most, if not all, hours of the day.

Concerns about child development

Both centers and homes can have excellent educational and enrichment programs. However, if you have concerns about how they will help you with your child's development, you can ask for a copy of their lesson plans and activity sheets.

How to choose a provider

Many parents are concerned about leaving their children in the care of someone they don't know. This concern is perfectly natural. The best way to feel more comfortable is to be well informed and to select a child care provider you trust, and who best meets your needs.

Keep in mind that all three provider types are required to meet health, fire and safety standards. All child care providers are inspected at least twice a year to make sure these standards are maintained.

How can I find a child care provider concerned about my child's development?

Ask providers for lesson plans and activity sheets to see what they do on a daily basis. A quality child care program can help with your child's development. Both centers and homes can have excellent educational and enrichment programs.



Is the child care provider's location important?

It is good to have a child care provider near your work or home, so you can travel there quickly if needed.

What happens if my child gets sick?

Most child care centers cannot care for a child who is ill. Most child care homes will continue to care for a child who is mildly ill. When you are looking for child care, be sure to ask the provider what the policy is for sick children. Also, give consideration to your work schedule and how flexible you can be when your child is ill.