Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)

What is CCAP?

Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP), more commonly and nationally known as CCAP, is a program that provides child care assistance to low-income families who work, are seeking employment, are in a vocational training program or formal educational program, and families enrolled in the Colorado Works program who need to have reliable child care in order to take steps to becoming self-sufficient.

Who Administers CCAP?

CCAP is administered at the county level through county departments of human/social services under the direction of the Colorado Department of Human Services Colorado Office of Early Childhood.

Who is Eligible for CCAP?

Individuals may be eligible for CCAP if they:

- Reside in Colorado
- Are working, seeking employment, or are participating in training/education
- Have at least one child under 13 years of age (or 19 years of age if the child has special needs/disabilities and requires child care)
- Have a family income of less than the county defined maximum*

*Income limits for eligibility are set by individual counties, but must serve families with an income of 165 percent or below the federal poverty guideline (if funding allows), and may not serve families that have an income of over 85 percent of the state median income. Recipients with income are expected to pay a portion of the cost of child care.

Cooperation with Child Support

Families with a child in the home whose non-custodial parent is not providing child support are required to participate with the county’s child support division in order to qualify for CCAP. Cooperation is required for all children in the household with an absent parent who are in need of child care services. The child care division will then work to establish, modify or enforce a child support or medical support order. If a family fails to cooperate without good cause, child care assistance will be denied or terminated.

How Do Individuals Apply for or Renew CCAP?

Individuals can apply for CCAP through the Colorado PEAK website: https://coloradopeak.secure.force.com/.

To renew benefits, an annual redetermination of benefits form will be sent out from the county and will need to be returned for CCAP benefits to continue.

Related Resources in Mile High United Way’s 2-1-1 Database:

Child Care Referrals - Mile High United Way

Source: Colorado Department of Human Services website (https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/child-care-assistance)