

IS YOUR FAMILY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

We can help you find and pay for high-quality licensed child care.

What can child care offer?

- Trained caregivers
- Support for the whole family
- Individualized care and attention
- A warm, clean, safe environment
- Healthy, nutritious meals
- Playing and learning through fun activities

How do I qualify?

- Live temporarily with family or friends
- Do not have a home
- Live in a shelter, car or park
- Live in transitional housing
- Live in Domestic Violence program housing
- Are income eligible
- Other temporary situations could also qualify you

How do we help?

- We help you find out if you are eligible for the child care subsidy.
- We help you navigate the state subsidy system and complete your application for Working Connections Child Care.
- We help you find a licensed child care provider that fits the needs of your child and your family.
- We connect you with other services in your community.

Please note: Child Protective Services (CPS) will not take your child away because you are homeless. Homelessness is not child abuse or neglect.

Ready to get started?

Call the CCA of WA Family Center (800) 446-1114 or email us at: familycenter@childcare.org

Or call DCYF directly to apply at (844) 626-8687 or online at: www.washingtonconnection.org

How is homelessness defined?

Under the federal McKinney-Vento Act “Homeless children and youths” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. For more information please visit <https://childcareawarewa.org/services-for-families-experiencing-homelessness/>



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