

FYI

Food Stamp Notice to Income-Eligible Child Care Recipients

This notice was distributed to income-eligible child care recipients by child care providers throughout the state. It tells income-eligible child care recipients that under expanded food stamp categorical eligibility rules they may now be eligible for food stamp benefits. As a result of this notice, income-eligible child care recipients may apply for food stamp benefits.

See Field Operations Memo 2000-16 for information regarding processing applications for income-eligible child care recipients.

**Do you have a child care subsidy?
You may be eligible for food stamp benefits.**



- Under new food stamp rules, **most** families receiving subsidized child care **ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMP BENEFITS.**
- The amount of food stamp benefits depends on your family's income, your shelter costs, your child care co-pay, and any child support you pay.

Here are some examples (but you don't have to match an example to be eligible):

Family size	Gross monthly earnings	Monthly Child care co-pay	Monthly shelter costs	FOOD STAMP BENEFITS
Parent and 1 child	\$1250	\$70	\$700	\$ 89
Parent and 2 children	\$1600	\$165	\$650	\$ 94
Parent and 2 children	\$1900	\$255	\$900	\$ 91
2 Parents, 2 children	\$2100	\$240	\$950	\$131

You are eligible even if you have a car or other assets.

Apply at the local office of the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). Call 1-800-941-2900 (toll free) for the office nearest you.

- To qualify under the special rules for people receiving a child care subsidy, you will need your Child Care Application and Fee Agreement or your Informal Child Care Voucher Form or a DTA form completed by the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency or your contracted day care provider.
- If you cannot go to the DTA office because of your work or training hours, you can (1) ask DTA to do the interview on the phone, (2) ask DTA if there is a worker you can see before or after regular office hours, (3) have an adult you trust apply for you as an "authorized representative."

You can also get an application and advice from Project Bread Food Source Hotline, 1-800-645-8333 (toll free, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

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