Virginia: Child Care Subsidy Program

Description of Program and Relief

Virginia's Child Care Subsidy Program is a pre-existing program that assists families in paying child care costs for children under age 13 who are not eligible to attend public school during the part of the day when public education is available, or children with special needs under age 18 who reside with the applicant. Eligibility criteria have not changed, but due to the impact of COVID-19, school-aged children currently designated for part-day care will be eligible for full-day care. Additionally, families that will soon be due for eligibility redetermination will have eligibility extended automatically by 2 months, and the requirement for face-to-face interviews will be temporarily suspended. For level 1 and level 2 providers, the number of paid absences will increase from 36 to 76 days.

Government or Lead Agency

Virginia Department of Social Services

Dates Available

Ongoing

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

To be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy Program, one must:

- Be a Virginia resident who is either:
  - Actively employed;
  - Participating in an education or training program;
  - Receiving child protective services (CPS);
  - Participating in an assigned activity for the Virginia Initiative for Education and Work (VIEW); or
  - Participating in a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNA PET) plan of participation.
- Provide documentation of child's citizenship or legal residence in the United States.
• Provide documentation of child’s immunization requirements as outlined by the State Board of Health.

• Provide documentation of household income that does not exceed the limits of the locality in which they reside.

To check eligibility and apply for the program, please visit Virginia’s CommonHelp portal here: https://www.commonhelp.virginia.gov/.

**Application Deadlines (If Applicable)**

N/A

**Contact for More Information**

N/A

**List of Additional Information**

For more information, please visit: