**Missouri: Child Care Subsidy Program**

**Description of Program and Relief**

The Child Care Subsidy Program is an existing program that helps low-income parents of a child under the age of 13 (or older than 13 with a special need) pay for child care so parents can focus on finding and holding steady work that can support their families’ needs.

In response to COVID-19, all Child Care Subsidy benefits are extended for 90 days. Additionally, the Child Care Subsidy Program will work on a case-by-case to approve additional hours of care for families affected by COVID-19.

**Government or Lead Agency**

Missouri Department of Social Services

**Dates Available**

COVID-19 guidance issued March 19, 2020, continuing indefinitely

**Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions**

**Applicant(s)/Parent Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a Missouri resident;
- Must meet income requirements which are based on household size and need for care;

**Child Eligibility Requirements**

- Up to the age of 13, or older if the child has a special need;
- Must be a US Citizen or qualified non-citizen; and
- Must reside with parent(s), or individual(s) acting as parent(s) (in loco parentis).

**Provider Eligibility Requirements**

- Child care provided must be contracted with the Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division.
Other eligibility requirements for applicants/parents, children, and providers apply. Please see the linked brochure for full details about eligibility.

**Application Deadlines (If Applicable)**

N/A

**Contact for More Information**

Call the Family Services Division at: 1 (855) 373-4635; or visit: [https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/child-care.htm](https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/child-care.htm).

**List of Additional Information**

A summary of the Missouri Department of Social Services policy updates in response to COVID-19 is available [here](https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/child-care.htm).

Please also review the Missouri child care subsidy brochure for further information:


An online application is available [here](https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/child-care/files/ccare.pdf)