

What are the Benefits of Being a Subsidy Provider?

Providers who have a child care subsidy enrollment with DHHS:

- Are assigned a Resource Developer to oversee provider approvals, enrollments and training, monitor health and safety, and provide technical assistance with billing needs,
- Can submit billing online and will be paid directly from DHHS,
- May be able to charge a higher rate, if caring for a child with special needs,
- May be eligible for a child care grant to start or expand a child care program, meet licensing requirements, or increase the quality of the program,
- May be eligible to participate in the USDA Food Program,
- May receive a higher rate for national accreditation, and
- May receive a higher rate for participation in Step Up to Quality, Nebraska's Quality Rating and Improvement System.

How Do I Become Enrolled as a Subsidy Provider

Child care subsidy is a referral-based program. The family needing care must first apply for child care subsidy and be made eligible. During the eligibility process, or once eligible, they can refer you as their provider through iserve Nebraska by providing your basic demographic and contact information. A Resource Developer will contact you to begin the provider process.

Online: <https://iserve.nebraska.gov/>

Call: 800-383-4278

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CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

For Providers

Interested in Becoming a Child Care Subsidy Provider?



WHAT IS CHILD CARE SUBSIDY?

Child care subsidy, through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), makes it possible for income-eligible families to afford reliable and quality child care. Families may be eligible to receive assistance with up to the full cost of child care through child care subsidy.

DHHS makes payments directly to the child care program, either bi-monthly or monthly.

Parents or caregivers must be working, attending an education or job training program, or meet another need for service.

The eligible family's monthly income must meet the annual income requirements based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, located at: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Parents.aspx>.



WHAT ARE THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS TO BE A SUBSIDY PROVIDER?

You will first have to:

- Complete background checks, which include:
 1. National and state fingerprint criminal history record checks
 2. State adult and child abuse and neglect registry checks
 3. State sex offender registry checks
 4. State Department of Motor Vehicle checks
 5. Local and state law enforcement agency checks
 6. If applicable, child/adult abuse registry and law enforcement agency checks in any state you have lived during the last five years
- Prepare to Care online Health and Safety Training Orientation
- Be certified in pediatric first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Agree to a thorough walk-through of the home or facility where care will be provided.
- Sign the Child Care Provider Subsidy Enrollment – a formal agreement of rates and policies