

HOW TO APPLY

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Do you need assistance paying for child care...

- ❖ While you work?
- ❖ While you look for employment?
- ❖ While attending training or school?
(High school or credits beyond high school sufficient to earn an Associate degree.)
- ❖ For you or your child's special needs?

Are you ineligible for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program?

Financial assistance is available to City of Madison residents that are ineligible for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program and meet the City of Madison eligibility requirements. Depending on your family's income, you may be eligible for full or partial funding based on a sliding fee scale. Madison Child Care Assistance is directly tied to the City of Madison's commitment to quality early care and education. If funded, families must use a center or family child care provider that is accredited by the City of Madison.



Quality counts!

Madison Accreditation Standards are intended to ensure families and child care programs work together in creating high quality care and education for children. The Accreditation and Child Care Assistance Programs are designed to promote the optimal development of the child and to help strengthen families. Research demonstrates that quality programs have positive effects on children's cognitive and social development, health and school success.

MADISON ACCREDITATION

The goal of the City of Madison Child Care Program is to improve and support the quality of early care and education in the City of Madison and to provide access to quality care to low income families. Child Care Specialists and Consultants spend many hours observing programs in action to see that they meet high standards of quality within the following areas:

- ❖ The activities and equipment offered to children.
- ❖ Interactions between teachers and children, including the way staff teaches, talks to and nurtures children.
- ❖ The environment for children.



The Child Care Specialists and Consultants offer training, assistance, and support to programs to help them meet higher standards of quality care.

Accredited child care centers are eligible for small grants to help them meet and maintain Madison Accreditation Standards.

Families must reside within the City of Madison limits for at least six months to be considered for eligibility.

Call the City of Madison Child Care Assistance Program at (608) 267-4996. Program staff will conduct a phone screening to determine whether or not you may qualify for assistance. If eligible your name may be placed on a waiting list.

FAMILY SIZE AND INCOME GUIDELINES		
Family Size	Monthly Gross Income	Sliding Scale
2	\$2,470	Partial assistance is available for those with incomes above the guidelines listed.
3	\$3,108	
4	\$3,746	
5	\$4,385	
6	\$5,023	
7	\$5,663	
8	\$6,304	
9	\$6,945	
10	\$7,587	

Note: If your gross family income is below these guidelines, you may qualify for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy. You can apply online at: <https://access.wisconsin.gov>.

When funds are available and your name comes to the top of the waiting list, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment with the Child Care Assistance Coordinator to complete the application process.

Select a City of Madison Accredited Child Care Program/Provider (call our office for a referral list or visit our website www.cityofmadison.com/commserv)

- ❖ Child Care Center
- ❖ Family Child Care Provider
- ❖ School-Age Child Care Program

“Your program has given me the chance to get my head above water financially and an opportunity for me to send my children to the preschool that best meets their developmental needs...”

Child Care Assistance Parent 2006

Your child is worth it!

In-home family child care providers who are members of Satellite Family Child Care make the commitment to become City of Madison Accredited and offer quality family child care that meets a higher set of standards than state licensing or county certification regulations require. For a referral list of Madison Accredited in-home family child care providers contact Satellite Family Child Care at (608) 270-3438 or visit www.satellitefcc.com.



Centers and family child care homes are justifiably proud when they earn City of Madison Accreditation. If you are looking for child care, ask whether the program is accredited by the City of Madison or visit www.cityofmadison.com/commserv for a list of City of Madison Accredited Programs. Our children deserve the highest quality care.



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