



***Important Information
For Families and Providers
Care 4 Kids Program***

May 25, 2016

The Federal Government has made many changes to the child care subsidy program, which effect Connecticut's Care 4 Kids. The changes promote children's healthy development, safety, and school readiness while supporting parents who are working or in a training or education programs. Connecticut supports these important changes for our families and children to improve the quality and stability of child care for children birth through age twelve.

These new Federal requirements increase the cost of subsidy provided through the Care 4 Kids Program. The Office of Early Childhood must change family income eligibility for new families and for families continuing on the program.

Effective July 1, 2016, the following changes will be made to the Care 4 Kids program:

- Income eligibility for new families will change from less than 50% to a maximum of 30% of the State Median Income (SMI). Based on the current SMI for a family of three, monthly household income would be reduced from \$3,716.76 to \$2,230.05.
- Families currently holding a Care 4 Kids certificate would need to meet the 30% or under SMI requirement when they reapply for a new certificate at the 12-month redetermination to remain on the program.

The only exception is for families currently holding a certificate who have received TFA in the past 60 months (PG2) will remain eligible for assistance until their monthly income reaches or exceeds 55% of the state median income (for example, \$4,088.43 for a household of three).

Questions concerning the program can be directed to Care 4 Kids at 1-888-214-5437. Complete information about the program is also available at www.ctcare4kids.com.