

New Approvable Education, Workforce Development & Training Programs FAQs

Q1. What new education and training programs are eligible for Care 4 Kids?

A. Higher Education (attending college and pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree), Apprenticeship Sponsors, Even Start, GED or High School Equivalency, Adult Education, Regional Workforce Development Boards, & Postsecondary Career Schools.

Q2. How do I know if my education/training program is eligible?

A. For more information on eligible education/training/workforce development, click your activity below:

- Higher Education
- Apprenticeship Sponsors
- Even Start
- GED/High School Equivalency
- Adult Education
- Regional Workforce Development Boards
- Postsecondary Career Schools

Q3. How long can I get financial assistance through Care 4 Kids while attending school or training?

A. Funding will be available for up to 24 months or until funds have been depleted, as long as your family maintains eligibility for the program.

Q4. How do I know if I am income eligible?

A. Families with income up to 60% of the state median income (SMI) are income eligible for Care 4 Kids. For example, a family of 3 can have gross income up to \$5067.55 per month.

<u>Click here</u> to see the income limit for your family size.

Q5. How do I apply?

A. Visit www.ctcare4kids.com/apply/ to use the eligibility screening tool to determine if you meet the requirements for Care 4 Kids assistance. You can download the application at www.ctcare4kids.com/forms/. Please contact Care 4 Kids at 888-214-5437 with any questions or to request an application be mailed to you.

Q6. If I am going to school and working, can I get help paying for child care for both activities?

A. Yes, as long as you are participating in an approvable activity and childcare is needed during the times you are participating.

Q7. What do I need to submit for verification of my activity?

A. You can submit a letter from the school/program/workforce development training you are attending, a copy of your class/program schedule, or other documentation from the school/program/training that includes your name, the number of hours per week you are



attending or participating, the name of your school/program, and the name and phone number of a contact person.

Q8. How many hours a week will I be eligible for Care 4 Kids?

A. Care 4 Kids will approve child care for the number of hours you are participating in class (online or in person) or workforce development/training, plus the time it takes you to travel to and from your child care provider. Care 4 Kids will not approve child care for the time you spend doing homework or studying.

Q9. Is it a requirement to receive Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) while participating in higher education?

A. No, it is not a requirement to receive TFA while participating in higher education.

Q10. Do I need to pay anything for child care, or will Care 4 Kids pay the whole cost?

A. Care 4 Kids may not cover all the provider's charges. Families are responsible to pay all costs not covered by Care 4 Kids. <u>Click here</u> to view the current reimbursement rates for providers. Families with countable income are also responsible to pay a family fee.

Q11. Who is eligible to provide care for my child?

A. You can choose a licensed program, license-exempt program, licensed family home or an unlicensed relative to provide care. If you choose an unlicensed relative, they must be a close relative (grandparent, aunt/uncle, or sibling) to your child.

Q12. How do I find a child care provider?

A. Visit www.211childcare.org to find a provider that meets your child care needs.