



Connecticut Office of  
Early Childhood



## Care 4 Kids Expansion for Families Experiencing Homelessness

P.A 23-204 Section 331 of House Bill No. 6941 institutes Protective services for at risk populations such as homeless children and youths.

Effective December 1, 2023, families, and children eligible for protective services which includes families experiencing homelessness, shall be given the highest priority for Care 4 Kids (C4K). These families will not be placed on the C4K Wait List and will be processed as a priority. Families meeting the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness will automatically be eligible for C4K.

Families who do not have fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including individuals sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship, living in cars, parks, public spaces, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings meet the McKinney-Vento definition for homelessness.

### **Effective December 1, 2023 the following eligibility criteria applies to families experiencing homelessness:**

- Parents will no longer need to be participating in an approved activity to be eligible for C4K.
- Income will not be considered when determining eligibility.
- Families will not be responsible to pay a Family Fee.
- Child care will be approved for up to half-time care if parents are not participating in an approved activity.
- Child care will be approved for more than half time care if a parent is in an approved activity during the care schedule. Approved activities include employment, higher education, Jobs First training through the Department of Labor, GED or High School equivalency, and Workforce Development.
- Families will be granted 12 months of eligibility.

If you have any questions or for more information you can contact Care 4 Kids at [c4kids@ctunitedway.org](mailto:c4kids@ctunitedway.org).