



Important Information Regarding Care 4 Kids for Department of Children and Families Foster and Adopted Children

Effective December 1, 2023, all C4K documents for foster/adopted children must be approved and submitted to C4K by DCF. Please work directly with your DCF social worker to complete and submit documents to the C4K program. **C4K notices will be mailed directly to DCF.**

Effective January 1, 2024, the total child care payment for DCF children currently receiving C4K will be issued to your child care provider by C4K, which will include both the C4K portion and the applicable DCF portion of the payment. The total payment amount your child care provider receives will not change.

Your child care provider and DCF Social Worker will receive updated certificates for your DCF foster children beginning January 2024, which will list the C4K payment amount as well as the amount C4K is paying on behalf of DCF, which will be listed as **'Other Agency Payment'** on the Child Care Certificate.

Please see below for the new C4K requirements for DCF families at application and redetermination:

- Parents will no longer need to be participating in an approved activity to be eligible for C4K.
- Child care will be approved for up to half-time care if a parent is 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Care 4 Kids at 888-214-5437 or your DCF social worker.

Thank you.