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NEW JERSEY CARES FOR KIDS CHILDCARE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM CCAP Application Check List

Income Eligibility Requirements (effective 3/1/21)									
Family Size	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Maximum Annual Gross Family Income	\$34,840	\$43,920	\$53,000	\$62,080	\$71,160	\$80,240	\$89,320	\$98,4 00	\$107,480

Full-Time Activity Minimum Requirements for Each Applicant and Co-Applicant:

EMPLOYMENT 30 Hours per Week

SCHOOL OR TRAINING 12 College Credits per Fall or Spring semester 9 College Credits per Summer semester 20 Hours per Week of Training program

The following verification must be submitted with your application:

Send original documents where required. If you need originals back, please write a note.

- □ Complete All Sections of Application-See DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS on next page
- □ Proof of Address (lease, license or utility bill)

□ Copies of Children's Birth Certificates

- Copies of Children's Social Security Cards
 Birth Certificate and Social Security card are required for children for whom applicant is applying.
- □ Copies of Permanent Residency Card for proof of citizenship, *if applicable*

Proof of Employment/ School/ Training Program:

- □ **If Employed,** Paystubs or Payroll records for the MOST RECENT Four (4) Weeks
- □ **If pay stubs or payroll records** <u>do not</u>**indicate hours worked ,** An original Employer Letter stating exact hours worked per week (on letterhead, dated, with ORIGINAL SIGNATURE, and job title of signee).
- □ If Self-Employed, Federal Income <u>Tax Return</u> AND Federal Income Tax Return <u>Transcript</u>, with <u>all</u> <u>Schedules, W2s, and 1099s</u>. Transcript available from IRS at www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript or 1-800-908-9946.
- □ If in School or Training, Detailed schedule including days and hours attending, class locations, credits, start and end dates of semester, and clearly indicate the names of the School and Student.
- □ If school or training program does not provide a detailed schedule, Letter (on letterhead, dated, with ORIGINAL SIGNATURE, and job title of signee), stating start and end date of program and hours per week attending.

Online classes are acceptable (2 classes for F/T student and 1 classes for PT student) if required as part of achieving related a two or four year Degree at a college or university.

Full name and the school name must be clearly identified on all documents submitted.

Proof of Additional Income, as applicable:

- □ Social Security Benefit –Current Benefits Statement
- **TANF/Food Stamp benefit** Copy of Snap/Families First Card showing case number
- □ Child Support Verification for <u>ALL children in household</u>:

Print out report showing Obligation and Disbursement showing last six (6) months of payments. Obtain on-line at www.njchildsupport.org or from probation office.

□ If Child Support <u>paid directly to applicant</u> from the non-custodial parent, A NOTARIZED letter signed and dated stating amount and frequency; must include names and addresses of non-custodial parent and children.

SIGN and DATE Applicant & Co- Applicant must sign and date Certification Page, Acknowledgment AND Application Addendum

NJ CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Documentation Checklist

Below is a list of required documents for each section of the Child Care Subsidy Program Application that must be submitted for eligibility consideration. Please contact the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R) if you have questions or need assistance. You can reach your local CCR&R at 1-800-332-9227 or visit www.ChildCareNJ.com.

IDENTIFICATION	
For any applicant/co-applicant, submit one of the following: Driver's license State or employer issued picture ID	Passport Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)
For each dependent, regardless of if they require child care, provide any of Birth Certificate Court decree School enforcement showing residence Custody Agreement or other court documents for guardianship	 one of the following to prove relationship to child and verify family size: Lease Agreement Medical documentation Most recent filed tax forms showing dependency (For dependents age 18+, must provide Filed IRS 1040 Form)
ADDRESS	
For any applicant/co-applicant, submit one of the following to verify reside Birth Certificate Court decree School enforcement showing residence Custody Agreement or other court documents for guardianship *If you or your child are homeless and do not have a fixed address, pleas	 Lease Agreement Medical documentation Most recent filed tax forms showing dependency (For dependents age 18+, must provide Filed IRS 1040 Form)
INCOME	
INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT:	OTHER INCOME OR BENEFITS TO FAMILY UNIT
 One month's worth of current pay stubs (e.g. 4 weekly, 2 biweekly, etc.) NEW EMPLOYMENT ONLY: DFD "Verification of Employment" Form; or Employer letter on company letterhead (signed/dated) containing rate of pay, hours worked per week, employer contact information, and first date of employment. If approved for subsidy, applicant/co-applicant will be required to follow up with pay stubs. SELF-EMPLOYED ONLY: Submit IRS Tax Transcript of Form 1040 Schedule C, "Profit or Loss from Business" UNABLE TO WORK or INCAPACITATED: DFD "Parent Incapacitation Verification" Form 	Documentation must show the rate and frequency of the income received from the sources below: Unemployment documentation Pension documentation Worker's Compensation Social Security award letter Retirement/Pension Spousal Support/Alimony Veterans/Military Benefits Disability Benefits Child support –12 months of Payment/Disbursement History (Note: If child support or alimony is not court ordered, write the amount you receive monthly in Section C of the application) Any other income required for federal/state tax reporting purposes
SCHOOL/TRAINING	
For any applicant/co-applicant, submit one of the following: DFD "Verification of School or Training" Form SCHOOL: Detailed school schedule naming the school and the stude	ent, including days and hours attending, credits, start and end date d) indicating name of program, start and end date and weekly schedule
CHILD CITIZENSHIP STATUS	
For any child in need of care, submit one of the following: Birth Certificate Certificate of Citizenship U.S. Passport Social Security Number	 Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) USCIS Form I-551 (Alien Registration Card) or Form I-94 USCIS "Notice of Prima Facie Case" dated within 150 days of application



Child Care and Early Education Service Eligibility Application

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

Bergen County Office for Children One Bergen County Plaza 2nd Floor Hackensack, NJ, 07601 201-336-7150

STATE OF NEW JERSEY • DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

A Applicant/Co-Applicant	Information	Please R	ead Instr	uct <u>ions,</u>	Print Clea	rly, <u>Answe</u>	r All Ques	stions
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* Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Accepted *

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Child Care and Early Education Service Eligiblity Application Certification READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I (we) hereby certify that all of the information provided is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. I (we) know that submitting false information about my (our) situation, failing to give the necessary information or causing others to hold back information is against the law and may subject me (us) to prosecution. I (we) also understand that:

- 1. Acceptance of child care financial assistance is not for my (our) personal use or expenses and that federal, state and local public funds are and will be used as payment for costs that are directly associated with services rendered by a child care provider.
- 2. It is unlawful to obtain financial assistance for child care services by providing any false or misleading information, including but not limited to information about my eligibility and/or information that relates to child attendance for provider records, sign-in sheets or voucher payment forms. Examples of unlawful behavior include, but are not limited to:
 - Failing to accurately report all sources of my (our) income. Examples include, but are not limited to not reporting multiple sources of income, or an increase or decrease in wage/salary, child support payments, or alimony, or any other income.
 - Failing to accurately report the amount of my income. Examples include, but are not limited to reporting the accurate amount(s)
 of income from self-employment; rent from property ownership or changing or altering pay stub information.
 - Failing to accurately report the number of household members. Examples include, but are not limited to failing to report that my spouse or another parent/guardian is living in the household.
 - Pre-signing and dating voucher certification forms, sign-in sheets or other provider records used to track and verify child attendance.
 - Failing to accurately verify child attendance on voucher payment records/forms within the reporting timeframes.
- 3. This information is being given in connection with federal, state and local public funds and will be used through computer matching programs to confirm the accuracy of my (our) statements and verify my (our) income, resources and need for child care assistance, as warranted.
- 4. Providing the requested information, including the Social Security Numbers of Parent(s)/Applicant(s), is voluntary. Agency staff may use my (our) names and Social Security information with federal and state agencies and other sources deemed necessary for official examination. However, copies of birth certificates, social security and qualified alien resident cards, if applicable, are required for all children for whom subsiday services are being requested.
- 5. Failure to provide or deliberate misrepresentation of required information will result in the denial of my (our) application, termination of child care benefits to the family and referral to federal, state or local agencies for criminal or civil court action, garnishment of wages or tax intercept, as well as private claims collection agencies for claims action involving repayment and recovery of funds.
- 6. Providing false or misleading information in connection with my (our) application for child care financial assistance, and/or failing to report within ten days any change in my (our) family size or family income or any other circumstances that might change my (our) eligibility, such as work/school/training status, may result in the termination of my (our) child care subsidy and make me (us) ineligible to apply for and/or receive subsidized child care for a period of six months for the first violation; for a period of 12 months for a second violation; and permanent disgualification for the third violation.
- 7. If I receive financial assistance as a result of false or misleading information, I (we) may be responsible to repay the costs of child care and may be subject to a civil fine and possible criminal prosecution.
- 8. I (we) understand that in order to verify my (our) income and service need, an agency representative may need to contact my (our) employer(s). I (we) hereby authorize my (our) employer(s) to release information regarding my (our) income, pay scale, hours and schedule of work to the agency to which I am applying.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

NJ CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Application Addendum

All families receiving a subsidy through the NJ Child Care Subsidy Program must provide the following information:

Are your family assets worth more than \$1,000,000? No Yes Note: Assets may include but are not limited to, personal bank accounts, business accounts, real estate, and personal property.					
If the primary language spoken in your home is <u>not</u> English, please specify that language:					
Is the Applicant: On Full-Time Active Military Duty No Yes In the National Guard/Military Reserve No Yes Self-Employed No Yes Is there a Co-Applicant? No Yes Is there a Co-Applicant? No Yes In the National Guard/Military Duty In the National Guard/Military Reserve No Yes Self-Employed Yes					
 Are you homeless based on one or more of the following? No Yes Living in an emergency or transitional shelter. Staying in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground or sharing housing with other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason. Living in a car, bus/train station, park, abandoned building. Living or sleeping in any public or private place that is not normally used as a residence or as a regular sleeping accommodation. Living in substandard housing (i.e. no electricity, running water, etc.). 					
I hereby certify that all of the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that submitting false or misleading information, intentionally omitting information or intentionally causing others to omit or fail to report information is cause for denial or termination from the child care program and I may be subject to all legal and equitable remedies. Applicant Name Applicant Signature Date					
Co-Applicant Name	Co-Applicant Signature	Date			



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have received the following document:

"Regulations for the Disqualification of Services for Parents"

I understand and agree to comply with the regulations of the state. I understand that the complete regulations about this subject are available on the Bergen County Office for Children Website:

http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/index.aspx?NID=1204

Examples of Violations:

- 1. Failure to report within 10 calendar days any change in family circumstances that change eligibility
- 2. Failure to accurately report all sources of income
- 3. Failure to accurately report the amount of income
- 4. Failure to accurately report the number of household members who are required to be counted to determine family or household composition
- 5. Failure to comply with the E-Child Care Parent/Provider Responsibilities and Agreement

I understand that lack of compliance with these regulations, if substantiated, may result in:

- Written Warning notice
- First Violation One (1) month disqualification
- Second Violation three (3) months disqualification
- Third Violation Termination for up to twelve (12) months and/or permanent disqualification

Name of Parent(s): (Print)

Signature(s):		Date:	
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Telephone:	E-mail:		

(Please keep one copy and send original to the Office for Children in attached envelope)



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Attention: Regulations for the Disqualification of Services for Parents

Parents/applicants are required, at all times, to comply with the NJ Child Care Subsidy program regulations and policies. Any type of program violation, if substantiated by OFC or DHS/DFD, will subject the parent to penalties that may include:

- Disqualification
- Termination
- Denial at time of application or reapplication
- Criminal investigation
- And/or recoupment of payments

A substantiated case of program violation will result in suspension or disqualification of child care subsidy and make parent/applicant ineligible to apply/reapply for and/or receive subsidized child care for a specified period of time depending on the number and type of violation.

Examples of General Program Violations (but are not limited to):

- a) Failure to report within 10 calendar days any change in family size/composition, family income or work/school/training status or income that exceeds program eligibility requirements
- b) Failure to accurately report all sources of income. e.g. multiple employers, increase or decrease in salary, child support payments, alimony, unemployment, workman's comp, pension, SSI, SSDI, survivor benefits or any other income.
- c) Failure to accurately report the amount of income. e.g. not reporting the accurate amounts from self-employment; rent from property ownership; altering paystub information
- d) Failure to accurately report the number of household member who are required to be counted to determine family size. e.g. failing to report that a spouse is living in the home.
- e) ECC Program Violation failure to comply with the ECC Parent'/Provider Responsibilities and Agreement

Penalties/Procedures

- 1. Warning Notice: Parent has 10 days to respond to the warning for failure to comply with child care subsidy or up to 2 weeks from date of failure to use or misuse of E-Child Care warning letter to attend training and remedy the action by demonstrating consistent use of ECC.
- 2. First Violation (except fraud) 1 month disqualification
- 3. Second Violation 3 months disqualification
- 4. Third Violation Termination for **up to** 12 months and/or permanent disqualification

Examples of violations that may be subject to up to 12 month termination include (but are not limited to):

- a) Failure to provide or provision of false or misleading or deliberate misrepresentation of, required information in connection with a new application or current case
- b) Reporting child present when child was not in attendance
- c) Repeated misuse of the ECC card resulting in multiple violations
- d) Repeated general program violations resulting in multiple violation

Resource Guide for Families

No matter how hard you try, sometimes it's difficult to make ends meet. New Jersey provides a number of programs to support low-income families.



NJ FamilyCare

Free or low-cost health insurance NJ FamilyCare is open to children, pregnant women, parents/caretaker relatives, single adults and childless couples. Depending on your family size and monthly income, you may be eligible.

For more information, or to apply, call **1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 1-800-701-0720)** or visit *www.njfamilycare.org.*

Energy Assistance Programs Help paying your energy bills

Low-income eligible households that are having a difficulty paying their heating and cooling bills can contact this office for financial assistance. Programs available include the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Universal Service Fund (USF).

For more information, call **1-800-510-3102** or visit *www.energyassistance. nj.gov.*



NJ Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Reduce Your Taxes

NJEITC is a special tax benefit for low-income working families and individuals. You may get money back even though you do not owe any state taxes. To get the credit, you must file a federal tax form, be eligible for the federal EITC, file a state tax form and meet income guidelines.

For example, a family with 3 or more children earning less than \$46,997 (\$52,427 for working, married couples) in 2014 can get a combined federal and state EITC credit of up to \$7,371.

Information on the state EITC is available at **1-888-895-9179** or at www. *njeitc.org*. Information on the federal EITC is available at **1-800-829-1040** or at www.irs.gov/eitc.

New Jersey WIC Services

NJ WIC provides supplemental nutritious foods to pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children to age five. WIC services include nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, immunization screening and health care referrals.

For more information, call at **1-866-44 NJ WIC (446-5942) or visit** *www. njwic.org*

Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)

PAAD helps pay for prescription drugs and medical supplies such as insulin, insulin needles, and syringes.

To participate in PAAD, you must be: an NJ resident; 65 or older, or at least 18 and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits; meet the income guidelines; and be enrolled in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan.

For more information, call **1-800-792-9745** or visit *www.njpaad.gov*

Other Important Resources

- Addiction Hotline of New Jersey 1-800-238-2333
- Division of Disability Services
 Focuses on serving people who have become disabled as adults.
 1-888-285-3036
- 1-888-LSNJ-LAW Provides legal information to low-income residents of New Jersey.
 1-888-576-5529
- EndHunger NJ Provides food assistance information from local food pantries and soup kitchens for NJ residents with low incomes. www.endhungernj.org
- VA Benefit Hotline 1-888-8NJ-VETS (865-8387)
- Family/Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-572-7233
- Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline 1-877-NJABUSE (652-2873)
- NJ Dept. of Children and Families Provides other supports for children, families and women. www.nj.gov/dcf
- NJ Housing Resource Center 1-877-428-8844 www.nj.gov/njhrc



Find state or local health and human service resources to address your urgent needs or everyday concerns. **www.nj211.org**

NJHelps

You can screen yourself for all of these programs and many others at **www.njhelps.org**, an easy-touse, confidential website.



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Department of Human Services Division of Family Development www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd * USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer *