

ARE YOU IN SCHOOL OR WORK TRAINING? Get Help Paying For Child Care through Care 4 Kids!



Have you been waiting to get your GED or high school equivalency, go back to school for undergraduate studies, or train for a job because of child care costs? The time has never been better to pursue your goals! **For a limited amount of time**, Connecticut families can get financial assistance through **Care 4 Kids** to help pay for child care costs while attending school or work training. This opportunity is made possible by the American Rescue Plan Act.

What Education and Training Programs are eligible?

- ◆ **Higher Education:** Eligible programs include all regionally or nationally accredited higher education institutions offering up to a **bachelor's degree**. To see more information about the approved schools at CT Office of Higher Education, please click [here](#).
- ◆ **Apprenticeship Sponsors:** Eligible programs include all apprenticeship sponsors registered with the CT Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship Training. To see more information about the approved sponsors at CT's Office of Apprenticeship Training site, please click [here](#).
- ◆ **Even Start:** Eligible programs include all active Even Start programs overseen by CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC). To view more information about OEC's Even Start programs, please click [here](#).
- ◆ **GED or High School Equivalency:** For local adult education offering GED/high school equivalency completion programs, please click [here](#).
- ◆ **Adult Education:** Eligible programs offering GED completion and similar occupational training programs. For more information about CT's adult education providers, please click [here](#).
- ◆ **Regional Workforce Development Boards:** Eligible programs include CT's five Regional Workforce Development Boards. For more information about the Regional Workforce Development Boards, please click [here](#).
- ◆ **Postsecondary Career Schools:** Eligible programs include all postsecondary career schools approved by the CT Office of Higher Education as private occupational schools, hospital-based schools, and cosmetology/barber/hairdresser schools. For more information about authorized career postsecondary schools, please click [here](#).



What is Care 4 Kids?

Care 4 Kids helps low to moderate income working families in Connecticut pay for child care costs.

How to Take Part

- ◆ Go to the Care 4 Kids website: ctcare4kids.com
- ◆ Check to see if you are eligible
 - Use the **income guidelines table** to find out if your family income meets Care 4 Kids requirements (eligibility at application has now increased to 60% of State Median Income for a limited time)
- ◆ Apply for Care 4 Kids
 - If you are eligible, a certificate will be issued to you and your child care provider that specifies the amount Care 4 Kids will pay and any family fees you are responsible for
- ◆ Find a child care program that works for you
 - Families have 30 days to select a child care provider after applying and being found eligible
 - These provider types can provide care (child care centers, family child care homes, after school programs, relative child care); visit 21childcare.org for help finding a provider

Care 4 Kids will pay for child care costs during your work, school, or training time, plus travel time. Families will be responsible to pay their child care provider any costs not covered by Care 4 Kids.

**For more information, including FAQs,
please visit ctcare4kids.com or call
Care 4 Kids at (888) 214-5437.**

