

Child Care Benefits

Q) Do I qualify to receive childcare benefits for Extended Day Care/Day Care expenses and is camp included?

A) If you have received cash benefits from Welfare within the past two years, please speak with your caseworker to see if you may be eligible for childcare benefits.

If you have not received any cash benefits within the past two years but are working at least 30 hours per week or going to school full time OR a combination of both, BCCAP does have an eligibility specialist for this. Please contact Jean Storey at 609-835-4329 ext 4039. A brief conversation with her will let you know if you can receive the NJCK application. If you do qualify, she will mail the application to you or you can pick it up.

Camp Laurel & Mount Laurel Extended Day Care currently accepts NJCK BCCAP and Work First payments. If you have a child who is not school age, please check with the daycare center your child attends to verify they do accept subsidies.

Q) What are the program requirements?

A) An NJCK application must be completed. You must provide the organization with your current financial information, such as consecutive pay stubs. If you are applying with a co-applicant, their financial info must be included as well. The childcare provider must accept the NJCK voucher program.

Child Care Centers (http://www.bccap.org/cc_types.cfm)

Child Care Centers are programs that care for 6 or more children less than 13 years of age for less than 24 hours a day. Child Care Centers must be licensed unless they are excluded or exempt from licensure by law. Only the following types of programs are excluded or exempt:

- Drop-in programs providing care for no more than 2 hours while the parent is in the same building & accessible at all times
- Programs in a facility that is owned or operated by the federal government
- Registered family child care homes
- Facilities providing live-in care on a 24 hour basis
- Programs operated and funded by a public school district
- Programs operated and funded by a private school that offers kindergarten through 6th grade education
- Programs providing religious instruction to children two years of age or older for no more than two hours a day
- Programs operated by a church to provide care while parents attend religious services
- Special activities programs, such as athletics, hobbies, art, music, dance or craft instruction, that provide a single activity program for no more than two hours a day
- Youth camps licensed by the NJ Department of Health

- Day training programs operated by the Division of Developmental Disabilities Church operated programs that were operating before May 1984 do not have to be licensed, but must meet all the physical facility and life/safety requirements in the licensing manual.

Family Child Care (http://www.bccap.org/cc_types.cfm)

Family Child Care is the care of up to 5 children for a fee in a private residence for part of the day. The person caring for the children is called a family childcare provider. Licensing is not required for family childcare providers in NJ (as long as they care for no more than 5 children under the age of 13). However, the state has developed a voluntary registration program for family childcare providers who have chosen to meet state requirements for home safety and program quality. By selecting a registered provider, you will be assured that the home has been inspected and the provider has been screened and has attended an 8-hour training program. Registration, however, is not a guarantee of quality. As a parent, you play an essential role in monitoring the care received by your child. BCCAP is the sponsoring organization for family childcare registration in Burlington County. For additional information contact the Family Child Care Education Coordinator at 609-261-6834, ext. 150.

Q) Where is the NJCK/BCCAP located?

A) The NJCK office is located at One VanSciver Parkway, Willingboro, NJ.