

DWP/MFIP Child Care



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Who is Eligible for Childcare

- 1. DWP/MFIP Participants are eligible for Childcare in order to complete their activities.
- 2. Assess participants and provide childcare information to participant if childcare is needed
- 3. Childcare is available for children up to age 13, and for children with special needs up to age 15.
 - Child care assistance overview (PDF)



CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

The program can pay any legal provider that registers to be authorized by the local agency for childcare assistance payments. This includes:

- Licensed childcare centers and family homes
- Certified license-exempt centers
- Families, friends and neighbors providing legal non-licensed care.

RESOURCES FOR CHILDCARE PROVIDER:

Minnesota Child Care Provider Guide

Providers who have questions about Child Care Assistance Program billing, rates, registration, supplements and overpayments should call Ramsey County's Child Care Assistance Program provider hotline at 651-266-4242.

Learn more about Ramsey County Child Care Licensing.



Searching for Childcare Providers

- Participant must secure a childcare provider(s)
- The following resources are available for participants not sure how to select childcare provider(s):

To find a childcare provider, visit <u>Parent Aware</u> or call their help line available in English, Hmong, Somali and Spanish at <u>1-888-291-9811</u>.

To see if your childcare provider is in good standing:

- •Call Ramsey County's Family Child Care Licensing at 651-266-3781.
- Visit <u>DHS licensing look-up</u>.



How to Apply for Child care

- 1. Apply online at mnbenefits.mn.gov.
- 2. Apply in-person at Ramsey County's Government Center Metro Building with a paper application (PDF)
 - Hmong Child Care Assistance Program Application (PDF)
 - Somali Child Care Assistance Program Application (PDF)
 - Spanish Child Care Assistance Program Application (PDF)

^{*}Refer to Childcare Assistance Program eligibility and verification document



Where to drop off paper application

- 1. chs.fas.ccap@co.ramsey.mn.us or fas.forms@co.ramsey.mn.us
- 2. fax: 651.266.3930 or 651.266.3931
- 3. drop off paperwork at RC service center location: 160 Kellogg, Plato, Metro Square and all of our libraries in Ramsey County.



Counselor Role

- 1. Explain childcare process and assist participant with childcare application and gathering of documentation if necessary
- •2. Complete ChildCare Transmittal—based on Employment Plan
 *Note: Childcare can be retroactive to date of eligibility if participant is in engaged activity and proof is provided. Retro up to 3 months from date of application.
- 3. Send Childcare Application and Childcare Transmittal information to: mnbenefits.mn.gov. or Fax# 651-266-3931 or fas.forms@ramseycounty.us

^{*}Submitting a childcare application/transmittal at the same time by counselor allows for quicker processing time



Processing Child care

- Applications are processed within 30 days of being received unless missing documentations. Can be extended to 45 days depending on circumstance.
- For existing childcare, avg of 10 working days for processing, documents are processed in date order.
- Counselor may review MEC2 case notes and may follow up with current childcare worker for questions/concerns
 If not known email: chs.fas.ccap@co.ramsey.mn.us) or follow up with your designated Agency Liaison
- •For process and details of MFIP/DWP: Childcare Protocol 4.14.21.



Resources

- Childcare Applications
- Childcare Transmittal
- Childcare Provider Resources
- Ramsey County Childcare Website
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QUESTIONS?