USDA REE CHILDCARE PROGRAM BENEFITS



The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Research, Education and Economics (REE) mission area provides financial assistance to ease the burden of childcare expenses for eligible REE employees in accordance with Public Law 107-67, Sec. 630.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a full-time REE employee with a total family income of less than \$70,000 (Based on most recent IRS Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040 EZ Adjusted Gross Income).
- Have a child under 13 (or if disabled under 18), enrolled in family home or center-based day care (or before
 and after care). Childcare providers must be licensed and/or regulated by state or local authorities. Eligible
 children include a biological child, an adopted child, a stepchild, a foster child who lives with you, or a child
 for whom a judicial or legal determination of support has been obtained, and to whose support you make
 regular and substantial contributions.
- Subsidy benefits may be affected if an employee or their spouse is receiving other federal, state, or local childcare subsidies.
- The requirement for a spouse to work or be enrolled in school full-time is suspended until MARCH 31, 2022 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

How does the program work?

- After being approved and enrolled in the program, parents and providers sign an invoice and return on or
 after the last Friday of the service month. Subsidies are then paid directly to the childcare provider. Please
 note: as this is a reimbursement program, subsidies are paid in arrears (after childcare has been provided
 for the month).
- Parents complete a recertification process each year to ensure continued eligibility.

Total Family Income	Percentage of Weekly Subsidy Reimbursement	Not to Exceed
\$45,000 or under	100%	\$5,000 per Year
\$45,001 - \$60,000	75%	\$3,750 per Year
\$60,001 - \$70,000	50%	\$2,500 per Year
Over \$70,000	0%	N/A

How can I apply?

• Please visit <u>www.feeachildcareservices.com/</u> for more information and to submit an application.

Questions?



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