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# Student Parent Child Care Subsidy Program

*\*A federal Child Care Access Means Parents In School (CCAMPIS) and Penn State Student Initiated Fee (SIF) funded program.*

Assisting Penn State Student Parents with child care costs since 1997.

*“The availability of Penn State Child Care Subsidy has kept me at Penn State rather than transferring to another school.”*



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## STUDENT PARENT CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

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[hr.psu.edu/child-care-subsidy](http://hr.psu.edu/child-care-subsidy)

Student walk-ins are encouraged to stop by **Suite 136 in The 331 Building** at Innovation Park for more information regarding the program.



*“The program has given me a lot of time and freedom so that I can concentrate on my studies. The program has also helped me psychologically—I was worried that my child’s speech was not developing but thanks to the program he was able to go to child care and now speaks English better than I do. I admit that I could not afford child care costs without this program.”*

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# Are child care costs emptying your bank account? *You're not alone!*

The annual cost of center-based child care for one child in Pennsylvania is \$11,978, and home-based child care is \$7,966. The annual cost of child care for an infant and a 4-year-old in center-based care is \$21,097, while the home-based care of the same is \$15,114 annually.

Married families in Pennsylvania who enroll their children in regulated center-based child care are paying about 13.1% of their income for one child to attend care, or 23% of their income if they have two children enrolled in center-based care.

These figures change dramatically for single parents and families who are earning wages below the poverty line in Pennsylvania: 48.6% of income for single parents goes toward one child attending center based care, and 85.6% of their income if two children enrolled are in child-based care.\*

**Penn State is committed to serving the diverse needs of our student parent population at all 24 of its campus locations.**



\*Child Care Aware Report, 2016

**Since 1997, our program has supported hundreds of low-income student parents in their journey towards graduating from the University.**

The **STUDENT PARENT CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM** is funded by Penn State Student Initiated Fees (SIF) and the Child Care Access Means Parents In School (CCAMPIS) grant. The program helps qualifying, low-income student parents sustain their educational efforts by paying a portion of their child care costs and encouraging them to select high-quality child care.

## How do I know if I am eligible?

Our program supports qualifying, low-income student parents in sustaining their educational efforts by paying a portion of their child care costs and encouraging student parents to select high-quality child care.

### YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FUNDING IF YOU ARE:

- Enrolled in a degree seeking program
- Plan to enroll, or currently have, a child(ren) enrolled in a licensed Keystone 2 child care center
- Currently meet the CGPA requirements
- Meet the credit load requirements
- Meet combined annual income guidelines for the current year
- Are able to commit to volunteering at least one hour per semester at your child care provider
- Contact the subsidy office regarding spouse/partner work requirements



## Can I submit my application anytime?

Applications should be submitted prior to each academic term by the deadline. Please refer to the **application timeline** on our child care homepage. Funding may be awarded on a rolling basis after the semester deadline depending on the remaining funds available.

## Can I use any child care provider?

You may use any Department of Human Services licensed child care program that has a Star 2 or higher rating by Keystone Stars. To find out if a center is a Star 2 or higher, please visit: [bit.ly/2f3mtwJ](http://bit.ly/2f3mtwJ)

## How much subsidy will I receive?

Qualifying students enrolled full-time will receive up to 75% of their child care costs for each week they are in class that semester.

Qualifying students enrolled part-time will receive up to 50% of their child care costs for each week they are in class that semester.

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