Wisconsin Shares Child Care

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Introduction

• Overview of the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program

• The application, eligibility, and authorization process

• We want to hear from you about some of the challenges in accessing child care & Wisconsin Shares Subsidy
Overview of the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program

Choua Her
What is Wisconsin Shares Child Care?

Wisconsin Shares subsidizes a portion of the cost of child care for families who need child care in order to work or participate in activities that will lead to work.
Federal Funding Sources

Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) primarily funds licensing, child care resource and referral, grants to child care providers, and child care subsidy.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds many different public assistance programs and is a significant funding source of Wisconsin Shares subsidy.
Wisconsin Regulations

- Wis. Stat. Chapter 49
- Wis. Admin. Code DCF Chapters 101 and 201
How is Wisconsin Shares administered?

71 counties and nine tribal agencies across the state
Family-Friendly Policies

- 85% State Median Income
- 12-month eligibility period
- Stabilize the monthly subsidy amount
Family-Friendly Policies continue…

- Children who turn 13 years old continue to be eligible until the family’s eligibility renewal
- Approved Activity Search
- Temporary Break
2017 Annual Report: Wisconsin Shares Data

• Supported 38,862 families state-wide
• Served 68,246 children statewide
• 80% of the families served were employed
• Employed parents worked an average of 34.3 hours per week and earned an average hourly wage of $12.61
• 20% of the families served were participating in W-2 or another approved activity
Application, Eligibility, and Subsidy

Rachel Holmaas
Applying for Wisconsin Shares

• Apply on-line at ACCESS.Wisconsin.gov
• Call a local county or tribal assistance agency
• Visit a local county or tribal assistance agency
Eligibility for Parents

- Under 185% FPL at Initial Application
- Up to 85% SMI thereafter
- Wisconsin Resident
- Approved Activity
- Child Support Cooperation
- Verification
85% State Median Income

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<th>Group Size</th>
<th>Initial Eligibility (185% FPL)</th>
<th>Maximum Income (85% SMI)</th>
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Eligibility for Children

- US Citizen or qualified immigrant
- 12 or younger at application
- Reside with a parent who is
  - Eligible, AND
  - Submitted required verification
Authorizations

• Request an authorization
• Tell the worker
  o Work or activity schedules for all adults
  o Days and times the child will be in care
  o Chosen eligible child care provider
Wisconsin Shares Child Care Providers

• Can the provider accept WI Shares authorizations?
  o Search childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov
  o YoungStar Rating of 2 Stars or more, or “Participating but not yet rated”
  o For help, contact SFTA

• Ask the provider
  o Can they enroll the child?
  o What are their prices?
  o When do they expect payment?
Paying for Child Care

• MyWICChildCare EBT Card
• Point of Sale device
• Pay by phone
• Pay on-line
Parents Share the Cost of Care

Wisconsin Shares subsidizes a portion of the cost of child care.

The child care provider can require payment for the portion of the child care bill that is not covered by Wisconsin Shares.
Login
Log in with the same user ID and password that you use for ACCESS.

User ID
Password

☐ Show Password
☐ Remember Me
☐ Enable Keyboard Accessibility Features
☐ Enable Screen Reader Features

Login

Help: If you do not have a user ID, create an ACCESS account
For login problems, click here to reset your ACCESS password
or contact ACCESS Member Services at 1-800-362-3002
Mobile Friendly!

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**Authorizations**

Current and future authorization information

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### Subsidy Amount Search

View MyWICChildCare subsidy information for November 2018

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**Total Family Monthly Subsidy $297.37**
My Account

Primary Person: Dia Cha
Card Number: XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-7302
Card Status: Inactive

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Total Child Care Balance on Card $1,619.16

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Track My Requests

Track my requests to the authorization worker

Please wait 3 days for the local agency to review your request before contacting them.

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What does my authorization request status mean?

Home

About DCF    Public Meetings    Careers    Request Records    Contact Us    Wisconsin.gov    Press

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Update SPA CWA Privileges

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# Notices

Child Care Authorization Notices sent to case are listed below for the period selected.

**FromDate:** 5/7/2018  
**ToDate:** 11/7/2018

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Resources

Brochures
• Eligibility Guidelines
• Rights and Responsibilities
• Understanding your Authorization Notice
• Preventing MyWIChildCare Fraud
• Improving the way your family pays for child care
Challenges in Accessing Child Care & Wisconsin Shares Subsidy

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