



Wisconsin Shares Child Care

Wisconsin Shares pays a portion of child care costs for working families with limited income. Families choose their own providers. Wisconsin Shares helps over 29,000 families with child care expenses, paying a monthly average of \$800 per household.

ELIGIBILITY

Am I Eligible?

WISCONSIN SHARES is available to low and moderate income parents who are employed, or in education or training. You may be eligible if:

- Your family's income is below the limits.
- You have a child under age 13, or a child age 13 to 18 with special needs;
- There is no one in your home who can provide child care while you work;
- At least ONE of these situations applies to you:
 - You work;
 - You are under age 20 and in high school or an equivalency program;
 - You participate in W-2;
 - You've worked in an unsubsidized job at least 9 mos & are in job training;
 - You participate in the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program;
 - You are a W-2 applicant in job search, training or orientation activities.

What Are The Income Limits?

YOUR MONTHLY income must be less than the limits in the table below based on your household size. Do not count child support. After you qualify your income can increase 9% above these limits and you will remain eligible.

Monthly Income Limits Increase On April 1, 2006

Household Size	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly Income Limit	\$1,978	\$2,481	\$2,984	\$3,486	\$3,989	\$4,491	\$4,994

BENEFITS

What Kind Of Child Care Qualifies For Assistance?

YOU CAN receive financial help to pay for child care if you use any of the following types of providers:

- A licensed day care center or a licensed family day care home;
- A neighbor, relative or friend who is certified for health & safety standards;
- A child care program run by a public school.

How Much Do I Pay?

YOUR SHARE of costs is determined by a sliding fee based on your income, family size, number of children in subsidized care, and the type of provider you choose. You could pay as little as 2% of your gross income, but usually not more than 12%. If you work part-time your share of costs is lowered. Some persons do not have any co-pay.

APPLICATION

How Do I Apply?

CHECK THE government listings in the blue pages of your local phone directory for the number of your county or tribal human or social services office. They can either take your application or direct you to the right agency in your area. You can also call 888-713-5437 to find qualified providers in your area. More information is online: www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/programs/childcare/wishares.