



**Connecticut Department of Social Services
Information Brief**

Care 4 Kids Program

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The budget deficit has required state government to continually review its programs and services across all service systems, including child care services provided by the Care 4 Kids program. This information brief describes a change that will affect new applicants to the Care 4 Kids program, beginning November 6, 2010.

Care 4 Kids currently serves 14,000 families and 21,000 children. If your family is currently in the program, you will continue to receive child care assistance as long as you meet the eligibility requirements of the program. **Current recipients** can remain eligible for Care 4 Kids until family income reaches or exceeds 75% of the state median income.

However, beginning November 6, 2010, new applications received from families with income at or above 50% of the state median income will no longer be granted benefits under the program. Families can re-apply at any time if their circumstances change.

If you are currently receiving benefits through Care 4 Kids, we would like to remind you to send in your periodic redetermination papers on time. If you do not participate in this review process in a timely manner, you could lose family eligibility for assistance and may need to file a brand-new application. Because of the change cited above, this could be a problem because families applying (or re-applying) on or after November 6, 2010, will not be eligible if income is at or above 50% of the state median income.

Care 4 Kids will continue to grant child care assistance to eligible new applicants with income below 50% of the state median income. This includes families:

- receiving Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) who work or are in approved training
- that received TFA within 5 years of when they apply for child care assistance
- with a teenage parent under the age of 20 who needs child care assistance to complete high school or an equivalent program
- that are employed and have income is below 50% of the state median income

The chart below shows the income guidelines for new applicants and current recipients.

Income Maximum for New Applicants, beginning 11/6/10 (50% of State Median Income)			Income Maximum for Current Recipients (75% of State Median Income)		
Family Size	Monthly	Annual	Family Size	Monthly	Annual
1	2,202.27	26,427.18	1	3,303.40	39,640.77
2	2,879.89	34,558.62	2	4,319.83	51,837.93
3	3,557.51	42,690.06	3	5,336.26	64,035.09
4	4,235.13	50,821.50	4	6,352.69	76,232.25
5	4,912.75	58,952.94	5	7,369.12	88,429.41
6	5,590.37	67,084.38	6	8,385.55	100,626.57

This notice of Care 4 Kids program eligibility change is provided to you by the Department of Social Services, in accordance with Public Act No. 10-61(a).