CHECKLIST KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

The State of Illinois helps income eligible families pay for their child care services while they work or go to school, training and other work-related activities. To apply please read the following pages carefully and then submit your completed application to your local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) or child care center/home if they have a contract with IDHS to provide child care assistance. If you have any questions about your eligibility or if you need help completing this form, call your local CCR&R. To find your local CCR&R go to http://www.inccra.org/find-your-local-ccrr-other or call 1-877-202-4453 (toll-free).

Please check that all the information is complete before sending in your application:

- * The application is filled out clearly in blue or black ink.
- * All questions on the application are completed. If the section or question does not apply, please write "n/a" in the box.
- * Complete this form based on your current information. Inform the CCR&R or Site provider if any information changes.
- * The parent/guardian's name is listed at the top of each page of the application.
- * The application is signed by the client (parent) and child care provider.
- * Social security numbers are listed clearly or "n/a" is listed in the box. Social security numbers are not required for parents or children but they are used to gather information to help determine your eligibility for child care assistance. Providers MUST list their valid tax identification number (SSN, FEIN, Gov't unit code) or IDHS Provider Registration Number. All information is confidential and will not be shared with anyone.
- * All Family Information is complete on section 3 of the application including information about your children's immigration status. Children can get assistance regardless of their immigration status, but IDHS is required to ask for this information. This information will not be shared with anyone. Your child's alien registration number must be listed if they have one.
- * All persons other than the applicant and the second parent living in the household are listed in section 3.
- * If working, at least one of the following is attached to verify your employment and the employment of everyone listed in your family size that is 19 years of age or older:
 - * Copies of your last two (2) paycheck stubs, or (if you have not been working long enough to get two paychecks).
 - * A letter from your employer or an employment verification form listing the following:
 - * The date you started working.
 - * The amount of money you are paid.
 - * Your typical work schedule, including the total number of hours you work per week.
 - * Your employer's address and phone number.
 - * Your employer's signature, or
 - * Verification of your self-employment. This can include:
 - * A copy of your most recent Federal Income tax return (IRS 1040) and all schedules and attachments.
 - * A copy of your quarterly estimated taxes.
 - * A listing of all business income and expenses for the last 30 days. This can be reported on your own form or on a Self-Employment form which can be downloaded at: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNet Library/27897/documents/Forms/IL444-2790.pdf or requested from your local CCR&R. When reporting income and expenses, all receipts, invoices, or other documentation must be attached to verify all information.
- * If in school, ALL of the following are attached:
 - * Copies of your official school schedule.
 - * Copies of your most recent report card showing your cumulative grade point average (GPA).
- * You have made a copy of your application for your records. You understand if you send original check stubs or other documents that they will not be returned.
- * All jobs and income information for BOTH parents have been reported on pages 3 and 5 and documentation is attached.
- * You understand that if any questions are left blank or if any attachments are missing, your application will be returned to you as incomplete. This may cause a delay in approval for Child Care Assistance Program payments.
- * You also understand that all of the information you submit will be verified using State and/or local databases and the internet. If any inconsistencies are discovered, your application may be delayed or your participation in the Child Care Assistance Program may be denied.

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Important Notice:	The sooner your app	olication is
submitted the sou	nner henefits can he	determined

submitted, the sooner benefits can be determined.

Parent/Guardian Name:	

Return your completed application to:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK. Please read the attached checklist before completing this form. (Este formulario está disponible en español. For the Spanish version go to http://www.dhs.state.il.us/onenetlibrary/27897/documents/forms/IL444-3455S.pdf)

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SECTION	ON I - PAREI	NT/GUA	\RD	IAN INFO	RMATIC	N			
Parent/Guardian First Name:		M.I.	.i. Last Name:						
Social Security Number (Optional)*	TANF, Food Stamps	(SNAP), or Me	edical	Assistance case	number, if app	licable	/		
Home Address (required)	me Address (required)					State		Zip Code	
Mailing address, if different than above.		Ci	y		State		Zip Code		
Home Telephone Number	phone Numb	er			Best time	e to call			
Another number where you can be reached	ress								
Parent/Guardian Date of Birth (Include Month/	Day/Year)		(Check one:	☐ Male	OR		Female	
Language:	sh Polish	Chinese		Other:					
* Social Security Numbers are not rec failure to provide this information. S individuals and to verify income. So confidential.	ocial Security Num	nbers are u	ised	to assemble re	esearch data	a sets th	nat do r	not identify	
Do you have more than one child ca application?	re provider for this			ny of your oth at a provider				art, Pre-K or Child	
☐ Yes ☐ No			<u> </u>	es 🗌 No)				
You must complete a se	parate child ca	re arran	gen	nent Sectio	n 4 (page	8) for	each	provider.	
If yes, list all child care provider name numbers (if assigned) you seek assist	•			l other child ca ld Care at a p		,		ad Start, Pre-K ion.	

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	are for that job. Pho	•			about all your jobs evork information and w	-	, u	Nun	nber of jobs curren	tly working
First Employer/Con	<u> </u>						Job Titl	е		
Address				C	City				State	Zip Code
Work Telephone N	umber	Ext.			Date you started thi	is job:				
I earn before de	eductions (complete	e one): \$	per h	our	OR \$	pe	r month	OF	₹ \$	per year
I get paid (chec	k one) ever	day every			per of hours usually	/ worke			•	ally worked at this
☐ every two	weeks utwice	e per month	tr	iis jo	b each week			dol	each week	
once per m	onth other	(please explain)								
Travel time from	m the child care pr	ovider to work:	•		Do you	u use p	ublic tra	ansp	oortation?	
	WORK S	CHEDULE: If y	our schedule	va	ries, provide an e	examp	le of yo	our	schedule.	
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If your schedule varie	es, please explain how	(you may send addition	onal documentati	on to	verify, see Frequently	Asked C	Questions	#11	on page 15 of this a	application):
Second Employer/0	Company Name						Job Titl	e		
Address				C	City				State	Zip Code
Work Telephone N	umber	Ext.			Date you started thi	is job:				
I earn before de	eductions (complete	e one): \$	per h	our	OR \$	pe	r month	OF	R \$	per year
I get paid (chec	k one) ever	day every			per of hours usually	/ worke			•	ally worked at this
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Parent/Guardian Name:

Are you currer	ntly attending sch	ool, training or a T	ANF-Require	d Activity?						
☐ No (Go to	Section 2 - Othe	er Parent/Steppare	nt Information	n)	omplete the inf	ormation bel	ow.)			
	SCHOO	L/TRAINING/T	ANF-REQ	UIRED ACTIVIT	TY INFORM	ATION				
TYPE OF EDU	JCATION/TRAIN	ING CURRENTLY	ATTENDING	G: (Check one)	Type of De	gree Being E	arned			
☐ High Scho	ool or GED	Below Post -	Secondary (e.g., ABE or ESL)						
☐ Occupation	onal/Vocational	2-Year Colle	ge Degree							
4-Year College Degree Work Experience (TANF only)										
What is the high	hest level of educ	cation you have cor	mpleted (GEI	D/High school diplo	oma, trade sch	ool certificate	, BA degree)?			
School Name/Train	ing Program Current	y Attending	Telephone	Number	Term	Start Date	Term End Date			
Address			(City	<u> </u>	State	Zip Code			
Travel time from t	the child care provi	der to school.	<u> </u>	Do you	use public trans	portation?	•			
	SCHOO	L SCHEDULE	: Please c	omplete the fo	llowing sch	edule				
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	SECTION 2	- OTHER PAR	ENT/GUAF	RDIAN/STEPP	ARENT INFO	RMATION	ı			
Is the other pa	rent or stepparer	nt of any of your ch	ildren, step c	hildren or wards liv	ving in your hor	me?				
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Please not		rom various agenci S on page 15). If th					sideration (See			
	Question #0	o on page 13). It if	ie iriiorriatioi	Tuoes not mater it	i illay delay yot	ar engionity.				
		rent could be listed	•			•				
		oyment), but is no l e else. If you cann								
	-	Adı	ministered ch	nild care provider.						
	ОТН	ER PARENT/G	UARDIAN/	STEPPARENT	INFORMAT	ION				
Other Parent/Guard	dian/Stepparent First	Name	M.I.	Last Name						
Social Security Nur	mber (Optional)		Date of Birth (in	clude month/day/year)	Tele	ephone Number				
Is the other paren	Is the other parent or stepparent working? Yes No									
Is the other paren	nt or stepparent atte	ending school or a tra	nining program	?	O No					
If the other pare	ent or stepparent is	not working or in a s	chool/training	program, please exp	lain why he/she	cannot care fo	r the children.			
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					us about all their jobs of work information and w		Nur	mber of jobs cu	urrently working
section for each job	•	tocopy this page and	complete a se	parate	work information and w	ork scriedule			
First Employer/Con	npany Name					Job T	itle		
Address				1	City			State	Zip Code
Work Telephone No	umber	Ext.			Date you started thi	is job:			
They earn befor	e deductions (com	pplete one): \$		p	er hour OR \$	per ı	mont	h OR \$	per year
I get paid (checl	k one): ever	y day	y week		ber of hours usually	worked at			ually worked at this
every two	weeks twice	e per month		this j	ob each week		job	each week	
once per m	onth other	r (please explain)							
Travel time from the child care provider to work: Do they use public transportation?									
WORK SCHEDULE: If their schedule varies, provide an example of their schedule.									
	MON	TUES	WED)	THURS	FRI		SAT	SUN
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If their schedule varie	es, please explain how	(they may send additi	onal documer	ntation	to verify, see Frequently	Asked Question	ns #11	on page 16 of this	application):
Second Employer/0	Company Name					Job Ti	tle		
Address					City			State	Zip Code
Work Telephone No	umber	Ext.			Date he/she started	I this job:			
They earn before	deductions (complet	e one): \$ _		_ per	hour OR \$	per ı	mont	h OR \$	per year
They get paid (che	eck one): ev	ery day ever	y week		ber of hours usually	worked at			ually worked at this
every two	weeks utwice	e per month		this j	ob each week		job	each week	
once per m	onth other	r (please explain)							
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If their schedule varie	es, please explain how	(they may send additi	onal documen	tation t	to verify, see Frequently	Asked Question	ns #11	on page 16 of this	application):

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My family size: _

Parent/Guardian Name:

OTH	IER PARENT	'S SCHOOL/T	RAINING/1	ANF-REQUIRE	D ACTIV	ITY I	INFORMAT	TON		
What is the high	nest level of educ	cation they have o	completed (GI	ED/High school dip	loma, trade	scho	ol certificate,	BA degree)?		
School Name/Train	ing Program Current	ly Attending	Telephon	e Number		Term S	Start Date	Term End Date		
Ochool Name/ Hain	ing i rogram current	ny Attending	relephon	e Number		Tellii S	dan Date	Term Life Date		
Address				City		State	Zip Code			
Travel time from t	he child care provi	der to school:		Do they υ	ıse public tra	ınsport	tation?			
Is the other parent/guardian/stepparent currently attending school, training or a TANF - Required Activity?										
☐ No (Go to	☐ No (Go to Section 3 - Family Information) ☐ Yes (Complete the information below.)									
TYPE OF EDU	JCATION/TRAIN	ING CURRENTL	Y ATTENDIN	G: (Check one)	Type o	f Degr	ree Being Ear	ned		
☐ High Scho	ool or GED	☐ Below Post	t - Secondary	(e.g., ABE or ESL))					
☐ Occupatio	nal/Vocational	2-Year Coll	lege Degree							
4-Year Co	llege Degree	☐ Work Expe	rience (TANF	only)						
	SCHO	OL SCHEDULI	E: Please	complete the fo	ollowing	sche	dule			
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need child care assistance for the following children:

i need ciliu care assistance for the	e following criticiters.										
First Name	Last N	ame	Date of Birth	M/F	Ethnic Origin *	Social Security #					
U.S. Citizen** Yes No W	/ard of State Yes	No Relations	hip to Client: _								
First Name	Last N	ame	Date of Birth	M/F	Ethnic Origin *	Social Security #					
U.S. Citizen**											
First Name	Last N	ame	Date of Birth	M/F	Ethnic Origin *	Social Security #					
U.S. Citizen** Yes No Ward of State Yes No Relationship to Client:											
First Name	Last N	ame	Date of Birth	M/F	Ethnic Origin *	Social Security #					
U.S. Citizen** Yes No W	/ard of State Yes	No Relations	hip to Client: _		-						
First Name	Last N	Date of Birth	M/F	Ethnic Origin *	Social Security #						
U.S. Citizen** Yes No W	/ard of State Yes	No Relations	hip to Client: _		1						
*For each child's Ethnic Origin, li American 3 - Hispanic or Latino 4 - Asian 5 - American Indian or	(Persons declaring Hispani	apply: (Required fo	or Federal Rep also list their ra								
** If any of the children are not c	itizens, provide alien regist	ration documentati	on if you have	it.							
List all other fam	nily members (not already	listed in the applic	ation) counted	in your fa	mily size:						
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATION TO APPLI		SOCIAL S NUMBER						

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Parent/Guardian Name:

			SECTION	4 - CHILE	CARE A	RRANGI	EMENT			
Name of provider (at	tach a s	eparat	e schedule f	or each prov	rider you are	requesting	g payment for)			
Provider Registratio	n Numb	er (Pr	oviders witho	out a registra	ition number	should co	ntact the CCR	&R)		
List only the children If your children go to with THIS provider.	school,	pre-k,	or head star	t at another	facility durin			ours that they	are in child	care
		Į	Jsual Sch	edule of H	lours in C	hild Car	.е			Daily
Child's Name	Age		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Rate
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Does the child listed attend school?										
Is the school at the same location as the provider?										
Does this child care	schedul	e vary	?	es No)					
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Does the provider of If yes, please explain:		ılti-chil	d/family disc	ount?	Yes	☐ No				
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Does this child care	schedul	e vary'	? <u></u> Ye	es 🗌 No)					
If yes, please explain:										
Does the provider of	fer a mu	ılti-chil	d/family disc	ount?	Yes	☐ No				
If yes, please explain:										

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Parent/Guardian Name:

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Does this child care	schedul	e vary	? Yes	s 🗌 No)	1				
If yes, please explain:										
Does the provider of	Does the provider offer a multi-child/family discount?									
f yes, please explain:										
Usual Schedule of Hours in Child Care										Daily
Child's Name	Age		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Rate
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Does the provider of	fer a mu	ılti-chile	d/family disco	ount?	☐ Yes	☐ No				
If yes, please explain:										
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Does this child care	schedul	e vary	☐ Ye	s 🗌 No)					
If yes, please explain:										
Does the provider of	fer a mu	ulti-chile	d/family disco	ount?	☐ Yes	☐ No				
If yes, please explain:										

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Parent/Guardian Name:

SECTION 5 - MONTHLY INCOME INFORMATION

Enter the average gross MONTHLY income in each box for yourself and each member you have counted in your family size. Information from various agencies' databases and web sites will be taken into consideration when determining eligibility. If the Type of Monthly Income does not apply, write N/A.

Type of Monthly Income	Applicant (YOU)	Other Family Member
 Employment Income for both parents and all family members age 19 and older (including tips from pay stubs before deductions). Attach copies of 2 most recent and consecutive pay stubs for each person (see FAQ #11). If you (or a family member) are self employed, complete #2. 	\$	\$
2. Self Employment Income for you and family member age 19 and older. Attach verification such as, most recent Federal tax return (IRS 1040 and all attachments), or a copy of quarterly estimated taxes, or a listing of all business income expenses for the last 30 days. This can be reported on your own form or a Self Employment form which can be downloaded at: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Forms/IL444-2790.pdf	\$	\$
or requested from your local CCR&R. Receipts, invoices or other documentation must be attached.	\$	\$
3. Child Support Received for all family members	\$	\$
4. TANF Cash Assistance for all family members	\$	\$
 Other Federal Cash Income: for example, Social Security payments for ALL family members and railroad benefits. 	\$	\$
6. Other Monthly Income for all family members; for example - unemployment compensation, ongoing monthly adoption assistance payments from DCFS, permanent disability payments (SSI), alimony, interest income, royalties, pension, annuities, veteran's pension, survivor's benefits, and living expenses portion of educational grants.	\$	\$
SUBTOTAL (add lines 1 - 6)	\$	\$
SUBTRACT Child Support Paid by you or another family member	- \$	- \$
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$	\$
If you receive any Housing Cash Assistance, including vouchers with a specific careport the amount here. This is required for Federal reporting only, and it DOES TOTAL FAMILY INCOME.		\$

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SECTION 6 - CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION

I o be completed	by the Provider (F	riease print ci	early in	blue or bla	ack ink).		
Parents or stepparents Providers must be a						me.	
Name of Child Care Provider			If you are	a Day Care C	enter, Corporat	e Name	
Address Apa	rtment Number	City	1		State	Zip Code	
Mailing Address, if different than above:		l		(County	1	
Phone Number	Fax Number						
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) (Not required for Center	rs and Licensed Provider	s) Month:		Day:		/ear:	
Provider Must Complete One:	Social Security Nun (Individual or sole p						
Note: Read the instructions included with the W-9 form for information on these options.	FEIN (Corporation, partnership or sole proprietor)						
If you have already registered as a provider for this program, list only your registration number.	Gov't Unit Code (Public school or park district)						
registration number.	IDHS Provider Registration Number						
Child care providers are considered to be taxable and must be reported on tax doc each calendar year to all individual provides.	uments. The Office	of the Comptro	oller send	ds out a 109			
Enter date the child care provider recently	began or will begin	caring for child	ren: (MN	1/DD/YYYY)		
Have you been approved for the Illinois (Quality Counts Quali	ty Rating Syste	em (QRS	s)?	S No		
Are you an employee of the Illinois Depa	rtment of Human Se	rvices or any c	ther Sta	te agency?	Yes	☐ No	
	CHILD CARE C	OLLABORA	ATIONS	3			
Are you an IDHS approved Child Care Co	llaboration? O Yes	No Che	ck all tha	at apply:	Head Sta	rt 🗌 ISBE Pre-K	
Are any of the children in this family enroll	ed as a collaboration	n child?					
How long is your program? 9 Mo	☐ 12 Mo	Other _					

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Parent/Guardian Name:

LEGAL CARE ARRANGEMENT							
Check the appropriate type of pr	rovider. If licensed, complete	Day Care Licensir	ng Information.				
CENTERS AND LICENSED PROVIDERS		*DAY CARE L	*DAY CARE LICENSING INFORMATION				
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☐ Licensed Group Day Care Home (763)*		License Exp	License Expiration:				
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My relationship to the child(ren): Language: ☐ English ☐ :	Spanish ☐ Polish ☐ Chi						
If care is being provided in the home of the provider, list all other people living in the provider's home							
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP TO PROVIDER	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER			

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Parent/Guardian Name:

SECTION 7 - CHILD CARE PROVIDER CERTIFICATION

After reading each of the following statements regarding child care standards, I certify that:

- * Parents will have unrestricted access to their children at all times.
- * All state and local fire, health and safety codes have been followed and will be maintained.
- * All child care providers/staff will have a physical examination no more than two years old and a TB skin test documented and on file in the facility/home within 90 days of the signature date on this form. The TB skin test is to be no earlier than the date the provider/staff began providing child care services.
- * All cleaning agents, poisons and other hazardous materials are stored in an area inaccessible to the child(ren).
- * There are no firearms or ammunition in the home OR any firearms or ammunition in the home are stored in a locked cabinet or locked storage at all times.
- * First aid supplies are readily available.
- * There will be no corporal punishment.
- * The children will be provided developmentally appropriate play and physical activities daily.
- * The children will be supervised (indoors and outdoors) at all times.
- * The children will be provided nutritional meals/snacks daily based on the number of hours in care.
- * I have not been responsible, and if I am a home provider, no one living in my household age 13 and older has been responsible, for the abuse or neglect of children or any acts of sexual molestation or sexual exploitation of children. I authorize the Dept. of Children and Family Services to check the Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS) and the Sex Offender Registry (SOR) to confirm this information for the Department of Human Services.
- * I and members of my household may need to complete an Authorization for Background Check form. The CCR&R will mail this form and instruction if its completion is required.

After reading each of the following statements regarding child care assistance program policies, I understand:

- * That if I am a home child care provider, I will report any new person(s) living in my household within 10 days.
- * The information provided will be checked using State databases.
- * I understand the information provided will be disclosed only for administrative purposes and that I may be required to verify the information, but is also subject to release under FOIA.
- * I cannot be paid until I complete a W-9 form and I am certified by the Office of the Comptroller.
- * I am responsible for collecting a co-payment from each family and that the co-payment will be deducted from the payment I receive from IDHS.
- * The State is required to make payment deductions for all home child care providers in accordance with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) contract.
- * The State is not liable for payment of child care services provided prior to the date of an approval notice issued by the State.
- * If I am a child care center provider, licensed home, or group home, I will maintain, for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of payment, daily attendance records to fully document the extent of services provided and agree to make all records and supporting documentation relevant to the services billed herein available to any and all authorized Department representatives and Federal authorities.
- * Failure to maintain adequate records shall establish a presumption in favor of the State for any funds paid by the State for which adequate documentation is not available to support disbursement.
- * In order to be considered exempt from DCFS licensing, I can care for no more than three children during any given day, including my own children, unless all children are from the same household.
- * If not licensed by DCFS, copies of my Social Security Card and current driver's license, State ID card, or military ID are included. In order to be current, the driver's license or ID must list my current address.
- * I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read all statements on this form and the information I give is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving false information or failing to provide correct information can also result in an overpayment which I will have to pay back and could result in my prosecution for fraud.
- * That the rates charged to the State of Illinois do not exceed the maximum allowed by the State and not exceed those charged to the general public for similar services. This includes discounts such as mutiple child discounts, staff discounts, full-week discounts, per-pay discounts, and sliding fee scales.
- * I certify that the hours of child care do not include hours the child is in school.

Child Care Provider Signature:

- * That deliberately providing an incorrect/ficititious Social Security number in order to defraud the State of Illinois will cause me to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- * My signature is my consent and authorization for information to be released to the Illinois Department of Human Services or its agents that may establish my eligibility or my continued eligibility for the Child Care Program.

By signing and dating this document I certify that I have read and understand all the statements listed above. I certify that the statements as they are listed are true and that the information provided on this application is true, correct and complete.

Child Care Provider Signature.	Date	
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SECTION 8 - PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION

After reading each of the following statements, I certify that:

- * I understand that I am responsible for paying a share of my child care costs (parent co-payment) to my child care provider and that failure to do so may result in the loss of my child care provider.
- * I understand that my eligibility will be redetermined every six (6) months or as needed.
- * The child(ren) is/are current on all immunizations and verification is on file with the child care provider.
- * A review of each facility/home has been completed and I agree that it is a safe environment.
- * I have given written notification to each child care provider if I want anyone other than myself to pick up the child(ren).
- * An emergency phone number and written consent for medical care and for dispensing prescription medication has been given to each child care provider.
- * The name of the family physician is on file with each child care provider.
- * I am responsible for the selection of the child care providers for my child(ren).
- * I will report any change in child care arrangements, employment or family size, within 10 days. Failure to report changes in a timely manner may result in an overpayment which I will have to pay back and/or loss of child care benefits.
- * I understand that I must be working or attending and IDHS approved education, training, or other work related activity in order to be eligible to receive child care benefits.
- * I understand the information provided will be checked using State and other databases, and if inconsistencies are discovered, the processing of my application may be delayed or denied.
- * I understand that deliberately providing an incorrect/fictitious Social Security number or withholding the Social Security number information in order to defraud the State of Illinois will cause me to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the Law.
- * The information provided will be disclosed only for administrative purposes and that I may be required to verify the information that I have provided.
- * I understand that I have the right to appeal and to have a fair hearing of a grievance.
- * I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read all statements on this form and the information I give is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving false information or failing to provide correct information can also result in an overpayment which I will have to pay back and could result in my prosecution for fraud.

My signature is my consent and authorization for information to be released to the Illinois Department of Human Services or its agents that may establish my eligibility, or my continued eligibility for the child care.

Parent/Guardian's Signature:	Date:	Date:	
Other Parent/Guardian's Signature:	Date:		

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1) Who is eligible for child care assistance from the state?

- * Income eligible working families;
- * TANF clients in education, training, or other work-related activities approved by their caseworkers;
- * Teen parents (under age 20) in elementary or high school, or a GED program;
- * Income eligible families who are in school or training and are not receiving TANF cash assistance.
- * Occupational/vocational training, GED, ABE, ESL, and other below post-secondary education programs <u>do not</u> have a work requirement for the first 24 months. High school <u>does not</u> have a work requirement.

2) Is there a waiting list for child care assistance?

No. Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements may receive a child care assistance.

3) How long can I continue to receive child care assistance?

There is no time limit. As long as you are income eligible and need child care to work or participate in an approved activity, you remain eligible. Your Approval Letter will list the first and last months that you are eligible for assistance. Usually, you will be approved for 3 or 6 months at a time. Before your approval period ends, you will have to renew your child care case in order to continue receiving assistance. You will do this by filling out a "redetermination" form. This form will be automatically mailed to you in the month before your approval period ends. For example, if you are approved through April, you should receive your redetermination form in March. If you don't return your redetermination form and all required documents -OR- if you no longer meet the eligibility guidelines of the program, your case will be canceled.

4) If I receive child care assistance from the State will I still have to pay something?

The State requires all parents to pay a monthly "co-payment" directly to their provider. The amount of your monthly co-payment is determined by IDHS and the amount may vary from parent to parent. Monthly co-payments are based on gross monthly income, family size, and number of children in child care. The amount of your monthly co-payment will be listed on your Approval Letter. The State will deduct the parent co-payment from the total charges up to the maximum child care rate. If the co-payment is more than the total charges, the parent pays the lesser amount to the provider and no payment is made by the State.

5) How can I find a child care provider?

You may call a parent counselor at your local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency (CCR&R) at 1-877-202-4453 (toll-free) to get help finding child care for your child. You must have a child care provider before you submit your application.

6) Will my information be verified?

Yes. Information submitted by the parent/guardian on the application and supporting documentation is verified through various agencies' databases and internet websites. Databases used include, but are not limited to: TANF, Food Stamps, Medical, employment Security, Department of Labor, Social Security Administration, Child Support Enforcement, and Chicago Public Schools. Information from these databases and websites will be taken into consideration when determining eligibility

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

7) What does "income eligible" mean?

A family is considered income eligible when the combined gross monthly income of all family members is at or below the amounts listed below for the corresponding family size. In two-parent families, both incomes must be combined to determine eligibility. Two-parent families include those with 2 or more adults living in the home, such as the applicant and his or her spouse or parents of a common child in the home.

8) Must I be the child's parent to qualify for the program?

No. A child's legal guardian or other relatives caring for the child are also eligible and should fill out an application form. Foster parents can receive child care assistance from the Department of Children and Family Services.

9) How old can the child be?

All children <u>under</u> age 13 are eligible. Children 13 or older are eligible if they are under court supervision or have written documentation from a medical provider stating that they are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves.

10) Can I receive child care assistance for the time I travel to or from work or school/training?

Yes. You can receive child care assistance for reasonable time you spend traveling to and from your child care provider to your job or school /training, as well as for the time you are working or attending school/training.

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11) What if my work schedule varies?

You may submit additional paycheck stubs and attach additional information to establish an average work schedule.

12) What if my child's other parent or stepparent lives in my home?

If the child's other parent or stepparent lives in your home, he or she also needs to be working or in school, training, or a TANF-required activity in order for you to receive a child care subsidy. The other parent or stepparent also needs to complete pages 5 and 6 of the application and submit the same kinds of documents as you do, which are listed in the application instructions. If the other parent or stepparent is not working or in school, training, or a TANF-required activity, you will need to write and sign a statement about why he or she cannot care for the child.

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13) When will I find out if I'm approved for child care assistance?

You and your provider will be notified of approval or denial within 30 days after we receive your completed application and all of the required documentation. Incomplete applications are the #1 reason for delay.

14) When should I send my child to their child care provider and when should the child care provider start care?

Children should not attend child care prior to the approval notice unless the parent and the provider have a payment agreement plan in place until the approval/denial notice is received by both the parent and the provider.

CHOOSING A CHILD CARE PROVIDER

15) Does my child care provider have to be licensed?

No. Certain home child care providers are not required to have a license. A provider without a license must be at least 18 years old and may not care for more than 3 children, including their own children, unless all of the other children are from the same family.

16) Will the State pay relatives to take care of my child?

Yes. Relatives can be paid to provide child care even if they live in the home with the child. Parents and step-parents cannot be paid as child care providers. TANF clients can be paid child care providers; however, earnings must be reported to their IDHS caseworkers. Exception: the State will not pay any relatives included in the child's TANF grant to care for the child.

17) Does the State do any kind of background check on child care providers?

In Illinois, all child care providers must undergo a backgound check. The background check consists of three parts: a CANTS check (Child Abuse & Neglect Tracking System), a SOR check (Sex Offender Registry), and a criminal history record check wich is done through fingerprinting. Your provider will be required to have some or all of these checks. If care is done in your provider's home, anyone who lives in the home who is age 13 or older will also be required to be checked. There is no charge to the parent or the provider for the background check. Your CCR&R will tell your provider and their household members which checks they are required to complete.

PAYMENTS

18) Can my child care provider charge me more than my co-payment amount?

Yes, If your provider charges private paying parents a higher rate than the IDHS program pays, your provider can ask you to pay the difference by requiring a fee in addition to your co-payment. Be sure that you and your provider discuss what you are expected to pay before care for your child starts. If your provider's costs are too high for you, your CCR&R may be able to help you find a child care provider who is more affordable. Call them for help finding a new child care provider.

19) How much will the child care provider be paid by the State?

The most the State will pay depends on the age of the child, the region of the state, the type of child care provider, and whether the child is in full -time or part-time care. A copy of the rates is attached to this application or can be obtained by calling the CCR&R. All providers are considered self -employed (NOT employees of IDHS or the CCR&R). Taxes cannot be taken out of payments. Providers are required by law to report all Child Care payments to the IRS as earned income. If your provider is not a corporation or governmental unit (public school or park district), and earns over \$600 within a calendar year, your provider will receive a copy of the 1099 Miscellaneous Form from the Office of the Comptroller reporting his/her income to the IRS. Your provider should receive the form by February 15th.

20) When will my child care provider get paid?

It can take 4 to 8 weeks for your provider to receive the first payment. After your provider receives the first payment, regular payments will arrive on a monthly basis. The reason the first payment takes longer is your provider's name and social security number must be recorded with the Office of the Comptroller before any payments can be made. To do this, the CCR&R will mail your provider a W9 tax form. The sooner he or she neatly completes and returns the W9 form to the CCR&R, the sooner he or she gets paid.

After the Office of the Comptroller has your provider's information on file, we can send him or her the first "billing certificate." This is the form that you and your provider complete each month to tell IDHS how much to pay your provider.

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21) How can my child care provider expect to be paid?

IDHS is offering for family home child care providers to receive their payments through the Illinois Debit MasterCard. The Debit Card presents the opportunity for home child care providers to receive their payments in a quicker, less expensive manner than a paper check. The provider will receive payment for all children they are providing care for on one card. No more worrying about lost or stolen checks! Each month the provider will receive a statement identifying each case for which they are receiving payment. For more information regarding the Illinois Debit MasterCard, go to the following website: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=45466 or contact your CCR&R.

Payments can be deposited directly into your provider's bank account. This can be especially helpful if your provider has been having trouble with mail. Call 217-557-0930 to set up direct deposit. For purposes of record keeping, your provider may want to ask the bank what kind of receipt information they can pass on, as the provider will not receive payment information from IDHS or the Comptroller's office when using direct deposit.

Effective September 20, 2011, Home Child Care Providers will receive all provider payments on the Illinois Debit Mastercard card unless they choose direct deposit. Paper checks will remain an option if the provider cannot accept an electronic method for receiving funds.

The IDHS Child Care Telephone Billing System is an easier and faster way to get paid. Contact your CCR&R for more information.

22) How can I or my child care provider check status of payments?

Clients and providers can call the IDHS toll free phone number to find out payment information. If you have a touch-tone phone, you can call 1-800-804-3833 to find out if your payments have been entered by the CCR&R and mailed by the State Comptroller. This toll free number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also get payment information by visiting the State Comptroller's web site at: www.comptroller.state.il.us and select "vendor payments."

OTHER

23) What should I do if my circumstances change?

The parent or provider should call us when any of the following changes occur:

- * Change Providers
- * Change address
- * Stop working or change jobs * Stop receiving TANF

- * Stop attending school or training
- * Have medical/maternity leave
- * Have any other changes that may affect your eligibility * Change income

Failure to report any changes within 10 days may result in an overpayment which you will have to pay back and/or loss of child care benefits. If you stop working, you may be able to continue to receive a child care subsidy up to 30 days after the loss of your job while you look for work.

* Change family size

24) If I am a client or child care provider and I move, will my mail and checks be forwarded?

No, all clients and providers must fill out and submit a client/provider address form within 10 days of relocating.

25) How can I verify employment if I am self employed or cash paid?

A copy of the most recent, signed federal income tax return and all applicable schedules and attachments. After April 15th of each year, only the tax return for the previous year is acceptable. If the tax return was submitted electronically, you must provide a copy of the receipt in the absence of a signature. If a tax return is not available, a monthly statement of earnings and expenses must be submitted until an income tax return is submitted.

If you are paid in cash, a payment verification letter is required from each individual who pays you in cash for performing a service. You cannot write the letter yourself. It MUST be from the person who pays you.

All verifications must include the following information:

- 1. The name, address, and phone number, of the individual completing the letter;
- 2. The type of work performed;
- 3. Who performed the work;
- 4. The date(s) the work was completed or if the activity is on-going;
- 5. The rate of pay; and
- 6. The employee's schedule. If the expenses exceed the gross receipts, the self-employment income will be zero (-0-). Those additional expenses which exceed the gross receipts will not be subtracted from other earned or unearned income in the household. If the number of hours worked cannot be verified, the amount of child care services allowed shall not exceed the documented income divided by the current State minimum hourly wage.

Example: A parent reports that she cleans 5 homes per week and only earns \$100 per week. To calculate the number of hours/days to approve, divide \$100 by \$8.25 (State minimum wage effective 7/1/10) = 12.12 hours. Depending on the parent's actual work/transportation schedule, the parent could be approved for either: 1 full and 1 part time day, 2 full and 1 part day, or 3 part days of care.

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