

2. Table II includes maximum reimbursement rates allowable through the WFNJ and TCC support services programs for registered family day care provider homes.

3. Table III includes maximum reimbursement rates allowable through the WFNJ and TCC support services programs for approved homes.

4. Table IV includes maximum reimbursement rates allowable through the WFNJ and TCC support services programs for accredited licensed child care centers, school age programs and summer day camps.

5. Table V includes maximum reimbursement rates allowable through the WFNJ and TCC support services programs for accredited registered family day care homes.

6. Table VI includes maximum rates in the NJCK Child Care Voucher Program for licensed child centers, school-age programs, and summer day camps.

7. Table VII includes maximum rates in the NJCK Child Care Voucher Program for registered homes.

8. Table VIII includes maximum rates in the NJCK Child Care Voucher Program for approved family day care provider homes.

9. Table IX includes maximum rates in the NJCK Child Care Voucher Program for accredited licensed child centers, school-age programs, and summer day camps.

10. Table X includes maximum rates in the NJCK Child Care Voucher Program for accredited registered family day care providers.

MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE TABLES FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE WFNJ/TCC CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMS

Table I

These rates shall be utilized for:
LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS,
SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Hours of Care Provided

Child's Service Category	Full-Time 6 hrs. or more per day	Three-Quarter Time 4 or 5 hrs. per day	One-Half Time 2 or 3 hrs. per day	One-Quarter Time 1 hour per day
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	131.90	98.95	65.95	33.00
Daily	26.38	19.79	13.19	6.60
Pre-Schoolers (2.5 up to 5 yrs.)				
Weekly	108.80	81.60	54.40	27.20
Daily	21.76	16.32	10.88	5.44
Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)				
Weekly	108.80	81.60	54.40	27.20
Daily	21.76	16.32	10.88	5.44
Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	131.90	98.95	65.95	33.00
Daily	26.38	19.79	13.19	6.60
Special Needs Child(ren) (2.5 up to 19 yrs.)				
Weekly	108.80	81.60	54.40	27.20
Daily	21.76	16.32	10.88	5.44

Care given for any portion of an hour shall be rounded to the next full hour. For example, one hour and 15 minutes is rounded to two hours. The above represents the maximum authorized rates for child care. The UCCA may authorize payment for the actual cost of care up to these amounts. When appropriate, the required co-payment shall be deducted from the appropriate rate before a payment is issued. Parent/applicant may select child care with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances the parent/applicant is totally responsible for all expenses in excess of these authorized maximum rates as well as any required co-payment fees.

**MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE TABLES FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE
SERVICES IN THE WFNJ/TCC CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Table II

These rates shall be utilized for:
REGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES

Child's Service Category	Hours of Care Provided			
	Full-Time 6 hrs. or more per day	Three-Quarter Time 4 or 5 hrs. per day	One-Half Time 2 or 3 hrs. per day	One-Quarter Time 1 hour per day
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	104.25	78.20	52.15	26.05
Daily	20.85	15.64	10.43	5.21
Pre-Schoolers (2.5 up to 5 yrs.)				
Weekly	81.65	61.25	40.85	20.40
Daily	16.33	12.25	8.17	5.21
Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)				
Weekly	81.65	61.25	40.85	20.40
Daily	16.33	12.25	8.17	5.21
Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	126.85	95.15	63.45	31.70
Daily	25.37	19.03	12.69	6.34
Special Needs Child(ren) (2.5 up to 19 yrs.)				
Weekly	104.25	78.20	52.15	26.05
Daily	20.85	15.64	10.43	5.21

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SERVICES IN THE WFNJ/TCC CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Table III

These rates shall be utilized for:
APPROVED HOME CARE

Child's Service Category	Hours of Care Provided			
	Full-Time 6 hrs. or more per day	Three-Quarter Time 4 or 5 hrs. per day	One-Half Time 2 or 3 hrs. per day	One-Quarter Time 1 hour per day
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	62.50	46.90	31.25	15.65

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Daily	12.50	9.38	6.25	3.13
Pre-Schoolers (2.5 up to 5 yrs.)				
Weekly	49.00	36.75	24.50	12.25
Daily	9.80	7.35	4.90	2.45
Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)				
Weekly	49.00	36.75	24.50	12.25
Daily	9.80	7.35	4.90	2.45
Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	76.10	57.10	38.05	19.05
Daily	15.22	11.42	7.61	3.81
Special Needs Child(ren) (2.5 up to 19 yrs.)				
Weekly	62.50	46.90	31.25	15.65
Daily	12.50	9.38	6.25	3.13

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**MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE TABLES FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE
SERVICES IN THE WFNJ/TCC CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Table IV

These rates shall be utilized for:

ACCREDITED

LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS, SUMMER CAMPS

Hours of Care Provided

<u>Child's Service Category</u>	<u>Full-Time 6 hrs. or more per day</u>	<u>Three-Quarter Time 4 or 5 hrs. per day</u>	<u>One-Half Time 2 or 3 hrs. per day</u>	<u>One-Quarter Time 1 hour per day</u>
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	138.50	103.90	69.25	34.60
Daily	27.70	20.78	13.85	6.92
Pre-Schoolers (2.5 up to 5 yrs.)				
Weekly	114.25	85.70	57.13	28.55
Daily	22.85	17.14	11.43	5.71
Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)				
Weekly	114.25	85.70	57.13	28.55
Daily	22.85	17.14	11.43	5.71
Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	138.50	103.90	69.25	34.60

Daily	27.70	20.78	13.85	6.92
Special Needs Child(ren) (2.5 up to 19 yrs.)				
Weekly	114.25	85.70	57.13	28.55
Daily	22.85	17.14	11.43	5.71

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**MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE TABLES FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE
SERVICES IN THE WFNJ/TCC CHILD CARE SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Table V

These rates shall be utilized for:
**ACCREDITED
REGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES**

Hours of Care Provided

Child's Service Category	Full-Time 6 hrs. or more per day	Three-Quarter Time 4 or 5 hrs. per day	One-Half Time 2 or 3 hrs. per day	One-Quarter Time 1 hour per day
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	109.40	82.05	54.70	27.35
Daily	21.88	16.41	10.94	5.47
Pre-Schoolers (2.5 up to 5 yrs.)				
Weekly	85.75	64.30	42.88	21.45
Daily	17.15	12.86	8.58	4.29
Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)				
Weekly	85.75	64.30	42.88	21.45
Daily	17.15	12.86	8.58	4.29
Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)				
Weekly	133.20	99.90	66.60	33.30
Daily	26.64	19.98	13.32	6.66
Special Needs Child(ren) (2.5 up to 19 yrs.)				
Weekly	109.40	82.05	54.70	27.35
Daily	21.88	16.41	10.94	5.47

Care given for any portion of an hour shall be rounded to the next full hour. For example, one hour and 15 minutes is rounded to two hours. The above represents the maximum authorized rates for child care. The UCCA may authorize payment for the actual cost of care up to these amounts. When appropriate, the required co-payment shall be deducted from the appropriate rate before a payment is issued. Parent/applicant may select child care with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances the parent/applicant is totally responsible for all expenses in excess of these authorized maximum rates as well as any required co-payment fees.

MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE TABLES FOR
THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE
NJCK CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Table VI

These rates shall be utilized for:
LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, SCHOOL-AGE
PROGRAMS, SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Hours of Care Provided

Child's Service Category	Full-time 6 hrs. or more/day	Part-time Less than 6 hrs./day
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$571.13	\$285.56
Weekly	\$131.90	\$ 65.95
Daily Equivalent	\$ 26.38	\$ 13.19
Pre-Schoolers (2.5 up to 5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$471.10	\$235.55
Weekly	\$108.80	\$ 54.40
Daily Equivalent	\$ 21.76	\$ 10.88
Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$471.10	\$235.55
Weekly	\$108.80	\$ 54.40
Daily Equivalent	\$ 21.76	\$ 10.88
Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$571.13	\$285.56
Weekly	\$131.90	\$ 65.95
Daily Equivalent	\$ 26.38	\$ 13.19
Special Needs Child(ren) (2.5 up to 19 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$471.10	\$235.55
Weekly	\$108.80	\$ 54.40
Daily Equivalent	\$ 21.76	\$ 10.88

The above represents the maximum authorized rates for child care. The UCCA may authorize payment for the actual cost of care up to these amounts. The required co-payment shall be deducted from the appropriate rate before a voucher payment is issued. Parent/applicant may select child care with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances the parent/applicant is totally responsible for all expenses in excess of these authorized maximum rates as well as for the required co-payment.

MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE TABLES FOR
THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE
NJCK CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Table VII

These rates shall be utilized for:
REGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES

Hours of Care Provided

Full-Time Part-time

Child's Service Category	6 hrs. or more/day	Less than 6 hrs./day
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$451.40	\$225.70
Weekly	\$104.25	\$52.13
Daily Equivalent	\$20.85	\$10.43
Pre-Schoolers (2.5 up to 5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$353.54	\$176.77
Weekly	\$81.65	\$40.83
Daily Equivalent	\$16.33	\$8.17
Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$353.54	\$176.77
Weekly	\$81.65	\$40.83
Daily Equivalent	\$16.33	\$8.17
Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$549.26	\$274.63
Weekly	\$126.85	\$63.43
Daily Equivalent	\$25.37	\$12.69
Special Needs Child(ren) (2.5 up to 19 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$451.40	\$225.70
Weekly	\$104.25	\$52.13
Daily Equivalent	\$20.85	\$10.43

The above represents the maximum authorized rates for child care. The UCCA authorizes payment for the actual cost of care up to these amounts. The required co-payment shall be deducted from the appropriate rate before a voucher payment is issued. Parent/applicant may select child care with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances the parent/applicant is totally responsible for all expenses in excess of these authorized maximum rates as well as for the required co-payment.

MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE TABLES FOR
THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE
NJCK CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Table VIII

These rates shall be utilized for:
APPROVED HOME DAY CARE

Hours of Care Provided

Child's Service Category	Full-Time 6 hrs. or more/day	Part-time Less than 6 hrs./day
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$270.63	\$135.31
Weekly	\$62.50	\$31.25
Daily Equivalent	\$12.50	\$6.25
Pre-Schoolers		

(2.5 up to 5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$212.17	\$106.09
Weekly	\$49.00	\$24.50
Daily Equivalent	\$9.80	\$4.90

Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$212.17	\$106.09
Weekly	\$49.00	\$24.50
Daily Equivalent	\$9.80	\$4.90

Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$329.51	\$164.76
Weekly	\$76.10	\$38.05
Daily Equivalent	\$15.22	\$7.61

Special Needs Child(ren) (2.5 up to 19 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$270.63	\$135.31
Weekly	\$62.50	\$31.25
Daily Equivalent	\$12.50	\$6.25

The above represents the maximum authorized rates for child care. The UCCA may authorize payment for the actual cost of care up to these amounts. The required co-payment shall be deducted from the appropriate rate before a voucher payment is issued. Parent/applicant may select child care with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances the parent/applicant is totally responsible for all expenses in excess of these authorized maximum rates as well as for the required co-payment.

**MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE TABLES FOR
THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE
NJCK CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

Table IX

These rates shall be utilized for:
LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, SCHOOL-AGE
PROGRAMS, SUMMER DAY CAMPS ACCREDITED

Hours of Care Provided

Child's Service Category	Full-Time 6 hrs. or more/day	Part-time Less than 6 hrs./day
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$599.71	\$299.85
Weekly	\$138.50	\$ 69.25
Daily Equivalent	\$27.70	\$13.85
Pre-Schoolers (2.5 up to 5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$494.70	\$247.35
Weekly	\$114.25	\$57.13
Daily Equivalent	\$22.85	\$11.43
Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$494.70	\$247.35
Weekly	\$114.25	\$57.13

Daily Equivalent	\$22.85	\$11.43
Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$599.71	\$299.85
Weekly	\$138.70	\$69.25
Daily Equivalent	\$27.70	\$13.85
Special Needs Child(ren) (2.5 up to 19 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$494.70	\$247.35
Weekly	\$114.25	\$57.13
Daily Equivalent	\$22.85	\$11.43

The above represents the maximum authorized rates for child care. The UCCA may authorize payment for the actual cost of care up to these amounts. The required co-payment shall be deducted from the appropriate rate before a voucher payment is issued. Parent/applicant may select child care with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances the parent/applicant is totally responsible for all expenses in excess of these authorized maximum rates as well as for the required co-payment.

**MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT RATE TABLES FOR
THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE
NJCK CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

Table X

These rates shall be utilized for:
REGISTERED FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES
ACCREDITED

Hours of Care Provided

Child's Service Category	Full-Time 6 hrs. or more/day	Part-time Less than 6 hrs./day
Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$473.70	\$236.85
Weekly	\$109.40	\$54.70
Daily Equivalent	\$21.88	\$10.94
Pre-Schoolers (2.5 up to 5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$371.30	\$185.65
Weekly	\$85.75	\$42.88
Daily Equivalent	\$17.15	\$8.58
Kindergartner & School-Agers (5-13 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$494.70	\$185.65
Weekly	\$114.25	\$42.88
Daily Equivalent	\$22.85	\$8.58
Special Needs Infants/Toddlers (0 up to 2.5 yrs.)		
Monthly	\$576.76	\$299.85
Weekly	\$133.20	\$69.25
Daily Equivalent	\$26.64	\$13.85

Special Needs

Child(ren)

(2.5 up to 19 yrs.)

Monthly	\$473.70	\$236.85
Weekly	\$109.40	\$54.70
Daily Equivalent	\$21.88	\$10.94

The above represents the maximum authorized rates for child care. The UCCA authorizes payment for the actual cost of care up to these amounts. The required co-payment shall be deducted from the appropriate rate before a voucher payment is issued. Parent/applicant may select child care with a cost higher than these maximum rates; however, in such instances the parent/applicant is totally responsible for all expenses in excess of these authorized maximum rates as well as for the required co-payment.

(d) The duration of payment for child care services shall be as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the date when the family requests child care through NJCK, eligibility for child care shall continue for a period of not less than 12 months before reevaluation of eligibility for continued receipt of child care service program benefits, or upon notification of change in eligibility or as determined necessary by the UCCA. Employment or participation in work/training/education activities throughout this 12-month period shall be presumed unless the participant reports otherwise. Continued receipt of benefits shall be subject to the availability of funds.

2. When a WFNJ family requires child care services, eligibility for services shall continue in accordance with conditions at N.J.A.C. 10:15-3.2.

3. When a TCC family requires child care services, eligibility for services shall continue in accordance with conditions at N.J.A.C. 10:15-4.2.

(e) The family enrolled in NJCK is not eligible for child care for any remaining portion of the 12 month period if the parent/applicant:

1. Terminates full-time employment or training or educational programs, or the wages/income exceed eligibility levels;
2. Fails to pay the required co-payment to the provider(s) where applicable; or
3. Otherwise does not meet eligibility criteria.

(f) A bridge payment shall be authorized for up to five weeks during the transition between jobs and/or training/education activities. Authorization for DFD voucher programs shall be approved under the following circumstances:

1. If the parent/applicant is scheduled to begin an approved activity within two weeks as permitted by the specific child care program. However, if the parent/applicant loses eligibility due to failure to start an approved activity within the required two week period and becomes

eligible again, he or she must reapply for child care benefits.

2. If the parent/applicant loses a job and/or ends or no longer attends the approved activity and then begins employment and/or another approved activity within five weeks, then the family can qualify for those five weeks of care during the transition between jobs. This is appropriate where child care arrangements would be otherwise lost and the subsequent approved activity is scheduled to begin within that period, as well as for the remaining portion of up to 12 months in the child care eligibility period.

10:15-10.2 Provider requirements

(a) To qualify for child care payments, a child care center or program shall meet one of the following requirements (see also N.J.A.C. 10:90).

1. Centers providing care for six or more children up to the age of 13 years shall be licensed by the DYFS Bureau of Licensing, have a letter of exemption from the DYFS Bureau of Licensing or be exempt from licensure or excluded from the definition of a child care center as specified in N.J.A.C. 10:122-1.2.

2. Summer camps shall be approved by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:12-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 8:25.

3. All providers who serve three or more non-sibling children shall be registered pursuant to the Manual of Requirements for Family Day Care Registration (see N.J.A.C. 10:126 and 10:126A) in order to qualify for payment of child care services through these programs.

- i. Providers who serve one or two children must either be registered pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:126 or be approved by the Department of Human Services as specified in (b) below.

- ii. Payment shall be made to the provider who has secured a Certificate of Registration or a temporary registration certificate, as defined by rules promulgated under the Family Day Care Provider Registration Act (see N.J.A.C. 10:126).

- iii. Payment to the provider shall reflect services rendered and in no case shall exceed payment for services to five children.

(b) Providers who are not registered under (a) above shall be approved by the DHS in order to qualify for payment through any child care service program. Unregulated relatives, friends or neighbors shall be eligible for approved home status.

1. The minimum requirements for approval of the home are an inspection of the home using the Self-Arranged Care Inspection and Interview Checklist (see N.J.A.C. 10:15-2.4(a)10), and an interview with the provider and family members.

2. An approved home provider who cares for no more than five children, or no more than eight children if three of the children are her own, who has been approved by the Department of Human Services may receive payment for a maximum of:

- i. Two non-sibling children; or
- ii. Up to five non-resident sibling children under 13 years of age.

(c) Providers of in-home care for non CPS children, that is, care of a child in the child's own home, shall be evaluated using the Self-Arranged Care Inspection and Interview Checklist in order to qualify for payment through the child care service programs. Providers of in-home care for CPS children shall be approved by DYFS.

(d) Providers of child care other than those specified in (a) through (c) above are not entitled to payment through the child care service programs.

10:15-10.3 Payment methods

(a) Vendor payments to providers are the primary methods for issuing child care payments for the DFD voucher programs. Under this method, a voucher is issued by the UCCA to the child care provider after the completion of an agreement. The completion of this agreement permits the provider to receive an initial prospective monthly payment in NJCK or receive payment in accordance with WFNJ and TCC payment methods, which are identified in N.J.A.C. 10:15-3.3(b). To receive payments, the provider shall complete the voucher form and return it to the UCCA. Upon review and authorization of the voucher information, the UCCA shall issue a child care payment to the provider for all vouchers which have been received no later than 60 days from the end of the designated service period or 60 days from the date of voucher issuance, whichever is later. Should the provider fail to submit a completed voucher form for receipt by the UCCA within the established period, the identified payment for services claimed on the voucher shall be subject to forfeiture.

(b) In exceptional or emergency situations, payment for WFNJ and TCC child care provided may be made directly to the participant. As with the child care voucher, payment shall be issued upon verification of the child's attendance and care provided.

(c) The TCC payments shall be issued on a bi-weekly retrospective basis.

10:15-10.4 Provider overpayments

(a) The UCCA shall take all reasonable steps necessary to promptly correct any overpayment of child care benefits made to a parent/applicant or child care provider. Recovery shall be attempted in the following circumstances:

- 1. In all cases of fraud;

2. In all cases involving a family currently receiving services; and

3. In all cases where the overpayment amount would equal or exceed the costs of recovery.

(b) An overpayment to a family or provider currently receiving child care benefits shall be recovered through repayment (in part or in full) by the family or provider responsible for the overpayment or by recovering the overpayment through a reduction in the benefit amount payable to the provider or on behalf of the family.

1. In cases of formerly enrolled families or child care providers no longer rendering services who refuse to repay, recovery shall be made by appropriate action under State law against the income and resources of the overpaid individual or family.

2. Recovery of child care benefits shall be made by the UCCA from future child care benefits.

3. Any recoveries of overpayments of child care benefits shall be made from the TANF grant with coordination from the CWA.

(c) Underpayments and overpayments shall be offset against each other in correcting inaccurate payments.

(d) A UCCA need not attempt recovery of overpayments from providers if obligated to make the full payment under the contract.

(e) The UCCA shall collect and maintain information on the collection of overpayments.

SUBCHAPTER 11. NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED CHILD CARE INCENTIVE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Authority

N.J.S.A. 44:10-58; Neighborhood-Based Child Care Incentive Demonstration Program Act, P.L. 1999, c.245.

Source and Effective Date

R.2000 d.500, effective December 18, 2000.
See: 32 N.J.R. 3527(a), 32 N.J.R. 4459(a).

10:15-11.1 Program purpose and scope

(a) Pursuant to P.L. 1999, c.245, approved October 15, 1999, the Legislature established the Neighborhood-Based Child Care Incentive Demonstration Program. The Legislature found that the increase in numbers of working parents in New Jersey has led to a serious shortage of child care resources, especially for infants and toddlers of low and middle income working families. The State must provide incentives to encourage the establishment of innovative community partnerships and the use of volunteer networks in the delivery of neighborhood-based child care. To this end, the Commissioner of Human Services is establishing a three-year pilot program, the Neighborhood-Based Child Care Incentive Demonstration Program.

(b) The demonstration program is designed to utilize, to the greatest extent possible, neighborhood resources, such as religious organizations and schools; volunteer networks of college students; retired teachers, nurses, and other persons qualified to participate in the child care program; active, involved parents of children needing child care services; community leaders; and local businesses interested in establishing collaborative partnerships in developing the child care centers.

(c) Child care centers shall be established that provide innovative community partnerships and the use of volunteer networks in the delivery of neighborhood-based child care in five counties dispersed throughout the State. At least two of the child care centers established under this demonstration program shall be located in municipalities targeted by the Governor's Urban Coordinating Council (UCC) for urban revitalization.

(d) Areas targeted for this demonstration program are communities that have been identified as having the greatest need for infant and toddler child care based on needs analysis conducted by the County Human Service Advisory Councils. These communities include Elizabeth, Franklin, Irvington, Plainfield, Vineland, Orange, Passaic, Phillipsburg and any community in Cape May County.

(e) Any new child care facility or an expansion of a facility in operation as of December 18, 2000 to serve infant and toddler child care needs funded through a grant under this demonstration program shall meet all of the following requirements:

1. The property used for the child care center shall be owned or leased at the applicant's expense;
2. Any equipment/supplies purchased as a result of a grant award under this demonstration program shall be developmentally appropriate for infant/toddler child care needs;
3. Any minor repairs/renovations made to existing properties done as a result of this demonstration program shall be made in accordance with the applicable provisions of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, and with applicable provisions of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (NJUFC), N.J.A.C. 5:18, 5:18A and 5:18B, and shall conform with I-2 (Institutional) use for buildings accommodating six or more children less than 2½ years of age; and
4. Child care centers participating in the demonstration program shall be inspected and licensed by the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) Bureau of Licensing and shall comply with N.J.A.C. 10:122, the Manual of Requirements for Child Care Centers.

10:15–11.2 Child care center responsibilities

(a) Child care centers participating in the Neighborhood-Based Child Care Incentive Demonstration Program shall:

1. Use a partnership approach to operating a child care center;
2. Demonstrate an ability to continue operating once the demonstration program has ended;
3. Be able to leverage in-kind donations such as physical space, equipment and monetary contributions;
4. Provide services for the children of low and middle-income working families, including Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) employed participants, and offer such services on a priority basis for the next five years following the commencement of the demonstration program;
5. Provide services on a priority basis to children who are under DYFS protective services supervision, who have been referred by a DYFS Field Office for child care placement, and children who are eligible for the New Jersey Cares for Kids child care certificate voucher payment program for the next five years following the commencement of the demonstration program;
6. Accept payment on the basis of the prevailing rates established by the DHS (see N.J.A.C. 10:15–10.1(c)) and a co-payment from the parent consistent with the DHS co-payment schedule for subsidized child care services (see N.J.A.C. 10:15–9.1(b)) for the next five years following the commencement of the demonstration program;
7. Utilize a network of volunteers who have social, educational, or professional qualifications for working in a child care center;
8. Ensure that any staff member, including full-time, part-time and voluntary staff, whether compensated or not, directly involved in the delivery of child care services at a center participating in the demonstration program shall undergo a Child Abuse Record Information (CARI) background check to determine whether an incident of child abuse and/or neglect has been substantiated against any such person as specified in the Manual of Requirements for Child Care Centers at N.J.A.C. 10:122–4.9;
9. Comply with P.L. 2000, c.77, which requires criminal history background checks for all child care center staff;
10. Develop a training program, in collaboration with the Unified Child Care Agency designated for the geographical area to be served, for the volunteers specified in (a)5 above who will provide services under the Neighborhood-Based Child Care Incentive Program over the three-year demonstration period; and
11. Comply with all requirements of this chapter.

(b) Child care centers participating in the demonstration program shall provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of using volunteers to support the ongoing operation of the child care center.

1. Upon being licensed and fully operational, the child care center, during the second and third year of the

demonstration program period (November 2001 through October 2003), shall conduct a semi-annual evaluation that determines the effectiveness of using trained volunteers;

2. The effectiveness of the volunteers shall be measured against the child care center's proposed plan of action to utilize volunteers to support the ongoing operation of the child care center, and the training provided to the volunteers (by the local UCCA) to ensure their effectiveness to adequately augment the delivery of neighborhood-based child care services for infants and toddlers; and

3. The semi-annual evaluation reports described in (b)1 above shall be submitted to DFD every six months during the second and third years of the demonstration program, using a reporting format prescribed by DFD in the resulting contract entered into as a result of agreeing to participate in the demonstration program.

10:15-11.3 UCCA responsibilities

(a) UCCAs in each of the respective counties where the program shall be providing services shall be allocated funds to provide training to the volunteers who will be utilized by the neighborhood-based child care centers in the delivery of infant and toddler child care services.

1. The UCCA, in collaboration with the applicant for the demonstration program, shall assist the applicant with the development of a three year training plan for the purpose of providing the required training for the volunteers specified at N.J.A.C. 10:15-11.2(a)5; and

2. The UCCA in the same county as the applicant shall provide the training for the volunteers specified above in this section, through a direct contract with the Division. The training provided by the UCCA shall ensure that selected volunteers become adequately qualified to augment the delivery of neighborhood-based child care services for infants and toddlers.