

CHILDCARE SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

EMPOWERING PARENTS, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING BUSINESS



CHILD CARE AFFORDABILITY

Ohio ranks nearly last in the nation for child care assistance eligibility, with initial eligibility at just 145% of the federal poverty level.

The average annual price of child care for an infant is \$11,438, which decreases slightly for toddlers (\$10,444) and preschoolers (\$8,580).

These costs are a significant barrier to working families, forcing them to allocate a large portion of their income to child care expenses.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED CHILDCARE

Family Size	Max Monthly Income Limit for Initial Eligibility (145% FPL)	Max Annual Income Limit for Initial Eligibility (145% FPL)	Max Hourly Wage (working full time)
2	\$2,470	\$29,640	\$14.25
3	\$3,120	\$37,440	\$18.00
4	\$3,770	\$45,240	\$21.75
5	\$4,421	\$53,052	\$25.51

INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE CHOICE PROGRAM

Family Size	Max Monthly Income Eligibility (200% FPL)	Max Annual Income Limit Eligibility (200% FPL)	Max Hourly Wage (working full time)
2	\$3,407	\$40,884	\$19.65
3	\$4,304	\$51,648	\$24.83
4	\$5,200	\$62,400	\$30.00
5	\$6,097	\$73,164	\$35.17

Examples of Ohio families paying for childcare

Family	Annual Income	Monthly Average Cost (based on provider type)*	% of income	Monthly Affordable Cost**	Monthly PFCC Co-Pay
One parent, one toddler, one preschooler	\$22,256 Minimum wage (\$10.70/hour)	\$1,459.75 at Type B Home	78.71%	\$129.83	\$0
One parent, one toddler	\$31,200 \$15/hour	\$973.42 at Center	37.44%	\$182.00	Ineligible
Two parents, two infants	\$44,512 Both parents making minimum wage (\$10.70/hour)	\$1,616.67 at Type B Home	43.58%	\$259.65	\$329.98
Two parents, one toddler	\$62,400 Both parents making \$15/hour	\$944.50 at Center	18.16%	\$364.00	Ineligible
One parent, one infant	\$69,680 Statewide median income	\$808.33 at Type B Home	13.92%	\$406.47	Ineligible
Two parents, one toddler, one preschooler	\$139,360 Both parents making statewide median income	\$1,917.92 at Center	16.51%	\$812.93	Ineligible

*Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association's annual report from 2023

**HHS defines childcare as affordable if it costs 7% or less of a household's income.

***Families under 100% of the federal poverty line are not subject to a co-pay.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

- Family must reside within the City of Lakewood
- Family is ineligible for aid through the state
- Family has a household income that is below HUD's moderate-income guideline
- Parents must be either working or attending school

IMPACT OF SCHOLARSHIP ON A FAMILY OF 3

Family Pays Total Costs of Childcare		Family Receives 50% Scholarship	
Rent	\$14,400	Rent	\$14,400
Utilities	\$4,200	Utilities	\$4,200
Groceries	\$6,000	Groceries	\$6,000
Transportation	\$7,200	Transportation	\$7,200
Infant Childcare Preschool Childcare	\$11,438 \$8,580	Infant Childcare Preschool Childcare	\$5,719 \$4,290
Annual Expenses	\$51,818	Annual Expenses	\$41,809

CHILD

- Quality child care prepares babies for future learning and success.
- Three out of four infants are in low or mediocre quality care settings that can be detrimental to their development.
- Children are in an environment that follows state guidelines for care and safety.



PARENT

- Know their child is safe and cared for.
- Able to move forward professionally or obtain higher level of education.
- Reduced childcare costs means more money for other areas of budget.



COMMUNITY

- Funds go directly to Lakewood childcare centers.
- Parents maintain employment and contribute to tax base.
- Guaranteed income to help keep Lakewood centers open.



PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT

The Lakewood Childcare Scholarship is a small, but meaningful way that our community can offer extra support to those families who might otherwise fall through the cracks.





Questions?