

Need help paying for child care?

Due to COVID-19, DSS has temporarily changed eligibility requirements.

If you do not have child care assistance, you may now be able to get help while you work or look for work. Apply by December 31, 2020 to see if you can get help with:



Full day care for your school-aged child if they are not going to school in person.



Child care for up to 90 days while you look for a job if you are unemployed.

Eligibility Requirements

You may be eligible if:

- You are a Missouri resident
- You have a child under 13 (or have a child with special needs)
- Your household's monthly income* is less than the following:


\$3,090


\$3,892


\$4,693


\$5,498

*Unemployment benefits are counted as income

You must also be at least one of the following:

- Working
- In school
- In job training
- Disabled
- Homeless
- Searching for a job
- Receiving child welfare services from the Children's Division