



Wisconsin Shares Child Care

Wisconsin Shares pays a portion of child care costs for working families with limited income. Families choose their own providers. Wisconsin Shares helps over 29,000 families with child care expenses, paying a monthly average of \$800 per household.

ELIGIBILITY

Am I Eligible?

WISCONSIN SHARES is available to low and moderate income parents who are employed, or in education or training. You may be eligible if:

- Your family's income is below the limits;
- You have a child under age 13, or a child age 13 to 18 with special needs;
- There is no one in your home who can provide child care while you work;
- At least ONE of these situations applies to you:
 - You work;
 - You are under age 20 and in high school or an equivalency program;
 - You have been in an unsubsidized job for at least 9 months and are in job skills training;
 - You are a W-2 applicant in job search, training or orientation activities.

BENEFITS

What Kind Of Child Care Qualifies for Assistance?

YOU CAN receive financial help to pay for child care if you use any of the following types of providers:

- A licensed day care center or a licensed family day care home;
- A neighbor, relative or friend who becomes certified for health and safety standards;
- A child care program run by a public school.

How Much Do I Pay?

YOUR SHARE of costs is determined by a sliding fee based on your income, family size, number of children in subsidized care, and the type of provider you choose. You could pay as little as 2% of your gross income, but usually not more than 12%. If you work part-time your share of costs is lowered. Some persons do not have any co-pay.

APPLICATION

How Do I Apply?

Contact the Iowa County Department of Social Services office at 303 W Chapel St, Ste 2300, Dodgeville WI 53533, phone (608) 930-9801. You can also call Family Connections Resource and Referral at 800-267-1018 to get names of qualified providers in your area. More information is available online at <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/wishares/default.htm>