

TO BECOME A VOUCHER PROVIDER

What is the Voucher Program?

The Voucher Program, funded by the **Department of Early Education & Care (EEC)**, provides current and former (TAFDC) participants as well as income-eligible parents with financial assistance to pay for child care while they are at work, in school or a job training program. For many families, gaining independence from public assistance would not be possible without child care.

Once parents are determined to be eligible to receive subsidized child care by DTA or Community Care for Kids, they make an appointment with a family specialist to complete required paperwork. Family specialists are available to assist parents in selecting a child care program that meets their needs, as well as provide information and education on quality child care issues.

Why Should I Participate in the Voucher Program?

Currently, of the approximately 820 EEC licensed child care programs in the South Coastal and Plymouth areas, only 40% provide voucher child care. In this area, there is a significant shortage of voucher providers, particularly family child care providers and center-based programs providing infant and toddler care and before and after school care.

To support families seeking independence from public assistance, CCK is working to increase the number of available voucher providers. This will expand the number of child care options that are consistent with parents' personal preferences. Your participation will help give parents peace of mind that their child is receiving quality child care while they pursue an opportunity to gain the education, skills, and experience needed to succeed in the workforce. By becoming a Voucher Program Provider you can help create brighter futures for many families.

How will I Benefit From Participating in the Voucher Program?

If your child care program has vacancies, you can increase your income by filling those empty slots. You may also be eligible for reimbursements for holidays, vacations, and other closures. In addition, child care providers participating in the voucher program may receive discounts on trainings sponsored by CCK and EEC.

How Does the Voucher Program Work?

Providers who have a signed voucher agreement and who have a child in their program with a current child care voucher will be reimbursed a rate established by EEC. A portion of the rate may be paid by the parent depending on their income level and household size.

Each month, CCK will send you a request for reimbursement (RFR) on which you indicate the number of days the child was absent and the number of days the child was eligible for care. Simply return the RFR as indicated by the 10th of every month. A check will be mailed to you by the end of the month.

How Do I Sign Up to Participate in the Voucher Program or get more information about the Voucher Program?

If you have a current EEC license, the process is simple. Simply call or office at (617) 471-6473 or email us at cck@qcap.org. We will explain the agreement process, send the appropriate information and provide you with technical assistance to complete the process.

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