



Early Learning Financial Assistance Options in Nevada

The financial assistance options below have different eligibility requirements. It is important to get more information on each type of assistance to determine if your family is eligible.

Child Care Providers Offering Sliding Fee Scales or Reduced Rates. Many licensed child care providers have reduced rates for parents based on family income. Ask your child care provider if they offer sliding fee scale or a reduced rate (for military, multi-child discounts, or certain employers). For school-age children, also check with your county or city parks & recreation department, Boys & Girls Club or YMCA for sliding fee programs. For parents on tribal land, please also see Tribal CCDF below.

Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF) Subsidy. The Children's Cabinet administers the CCDF subsidy program in northern Nevada through a contract with the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. In southern Nevada, this program is administered by Las Vegas Urban League (www.lvul.org). Child care subsidies are available to families who income qualify and are working. To determine if you are eligible, please call 1-800-753-5500 in northern Nevada or 702-473-9400 in southern Nevada.

Tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). Tribes can use their CCDF federal funds to offer child care subsidies by using a voucher system, and / or having a child care center. To learn more about the tribal child care program in your area, visit <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/tribal/grantees.html> or call the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada at 775-355-0600.

Head Start, Early Head Start or Tribal Head Start. These are federally funded full- or part-time programs that provide free child care and other services to help meet the health and school readiness needs of eligible children. Eligibility requirements vary. To get more information about Head Start or to find a program nearest you, visit: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices>.

Part C & Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Infants and toddlers with disabilities (birth-2) and their families receive early intervention services under IDEA Part C. If you have concerns about your infant or toddler's development, call Nevada Early Intervention Services at (775) 684-4000 for additional information and programs in your area. Children and youth (ages 3-21) receive special education and related services under IDEA Part B. If your child is ages 3-21 and you suspect a delay in their development, contact your local school district's Child Find office.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The goals of TANF are to provide assistance to low-income families with children so they can be cared for in their own home, reduce dependency by promoting job preparation, reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families. TANF provides Financial and Support Services such as child care, transportation and other services. For more information or to apply for TANF visit: <https://dwss.nv.gov/?TANFApply.html> or call 775-684-0500 for an office near you.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Many Nevadans have trouble making ends meet each month. After paying for rent, utilities, transportation and child care, there is often little left over to buy nutritious food. The Nevada State Division of Welfare and Supportive Services can assist families with SNAP benefits to help feed their families. To find out if you are eligible for SNAP benefits, visit: <http://www.snap-step1.usda.gov/fns/> or call 775-684-0500 for an office location near you.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) provides a supplement to assist qualifying low-income Nevadans with the cost of home energy. Nevada's EAP program has two funding sources, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) federal block grant and state revenue generated from Nevada's Universal Energy Charge (UEC). For assistance, call 775-684-0500 for an office location near you.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC). WIC provides nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health and other social services to participants at no charge. WIC serves income eligible pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, and infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutrition risk. For more information and for income guidelines, visit <http://nevadawic.org/families/do-i-qualify/> or call 1.800.8.NEV.WIC.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care and making it more affordable for many low-income families. CACFP supports or provides funding for healthy meals and snacks served to children and adults receiving day care. Talk to your child care provider about signing up for CACFP today. For more information call 775-353-3758 or visit [http://nutrition.nv.gov/Programs/Child_and_Adult_Care_Food_Program_\(CACFP\)/](http://nutrition.nv.gov/Programs/Child_and_Adult_Care_Food_Program_(CACFP)/)

Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The Medicaid Program is a state-administered, federal grant-in-aid program. Its purpose is to help individuals and families with low income obtain health coverage. To assist you with determining if you qualify for medical assistance, Access Nevada has a new Pre-Screening tool to help. Visit <https://dwss.nv.gov/?AccessNevada.html> and click on the "Do I Qualify for Medical Assistance" button. If you don't have web access, The Children's Cabinet is happy to help. You can also contact 775-684-0500 for more information and an office location near you.

Employer/College Support. Your employer (or college if you are a student) may provide child care scholarships, discounts to programs in their network, or on-site child care at reduced rates. Ask your human resources department or your school's student services department about availability of programs.

Employer Dependent Care Accounts. Your employer may offer this type of account, which allows you to have money (up to \$5,000) taken out of your paycheck (pre-tax) and put into a special account to be used for child care costs. You save money by lowering your taxable income which lowers the amount of taxes you have to pay annually. You should never put more money into this account than you will use because any money left over at the end of the year will be lost. You **cannot** claim any money you put into a Dependent Care Account for the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit.

Earned Income Tax Credits. This credit can put more money in the pockets of families meeting eligibility guidelines. Families need to make less than a certain income based on family size. There are also other qualifications for the credit. For more information, call your local IRS office and request Publication 596 on Earned Income Credits, or contact an accountant or tax preparer.

Child Tax Credits. If you have a dependent child under the age of 17, you may qualify for the Child Tax Credit that can be worth hundreds of dollars per child. The income limit for the Child Tax Credit is much higher than for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Contact your local IRS office, an accountant, or tax preparer for more information.

Federal Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit. If you have a child under 13, and owe federal income taxes, this tax credit can help cover a portion or all of the taxes you owe, if you qualify. Contact your local IRS office, an accountant, or tax preparer for more information.

Child Support Enforcement Program (CSEP): This program assists custodial parents or caretakers in obtaining support from an absent parent(s) for their child(ren). CSEP can assist with locating the absent parent, establishing paternity and/or establishing and enforcing financial and medical support obligations. Visit <https://dwss.nv.gov> for more information.

