

Child Care Assistance Co-payments Waived



You may qualify for free child care!

The New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) is waiving all child care assistance copays for families who qualify for the program. ECECD has expanded eligibility for free child care to families whose incomes are at or below 400% federal poverty level (FPL) - \$111,000 a year for a family of four.

New Mexico now has the broadest eligibility for free child care in the nation. If you are working, seeking work, and/or attending school, you may be eligible to receive child care assistance that pays the full cost of your child care – including participating after-school and summer programs for school-age children.

Beginning May 1, 2022, the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD) will waive child care assistance copayments for any family that qualifies for the program.



Learn more about how New Mexico is supporting the health, well-being, and education of children and families, and see what programs and services you qualify for at nmeccd.org.

Visit nmeccd.org and click on “Apply for Services” or call 800-691-9067.

Email child.care@state.nm.us if you have questions or concerns about child care.

Family of Four Monthly Income at Various FPL Levels:

- 200% = \$4,625
- 225% = \$5,203
- 250% = \$5,781
- 275% = \$6,359
- 300% = \$6,938
- 325% = \$7,516
- 350% = \$8,094
- 375% = \$8,672
- 400% = \$9,250

Don't see your household here?

The following link will direct you to U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines used to determine eligibility

- HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2022 <https://bit.ly/3LkoPC8>



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