



New Trier Township Child Care Financial Assistance Program 2011-2012 FAQ

Q: What is the Child Care Financial Assistance Program?

A: The Child Care Financial Assistance program provides assistance with payment for child care for income eligible parents/guardians. The purpose of the program is to enable working families to obtain quality, affordable child care while they are at work, school or job training. Applications will be accepted beginning July 15, 2011 through August 1, 2011. Following August 1, 2011 applications will be reviewed and given consideration based on available funding.

Q: Am I eligible for assistance?

A: To be eligible for assistance, you must:

- Have lawful custody of a child under age 13 who receives care in a licensed facility;
- Be a resident of New Trier Township
- Be working full or part-time; attending school; and/or are in job training,
- Meet income guidelines.

Compare your household income with the chart below. You may be eligible for assistance if your income is within these limits.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Gross Income</u>
2	\$46,000
3	\$49,000
4	\$52,000
5	\$56,000
6	\$60,000

You may call the Social Services Administrator at 847-446-8201 to confidentially discuss your eligibility.

Q: How do I apply?

You can download an application at www.newtriertownship.com in the Financial Assistance section. Call 847-446-8202 to have one mailed to you, or stop by the Township Office at 739 Elm Street in Winnetka.

Complete your application, include supporting documents and mail it to:
Child Care Financial Assistance Program
New Trier Township
739 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093

You could also fax the application and supporting documents to:
Attention: Child Care Financial Assistance Program
847-446-1743

Q: How long will it take to review my application?

A: Avoid possible delays by submitting all the required documentation with your application. It may take 30-45 days to process your application.

Q: What type of assistance can I expect to receive?

A: All applicants are expected to pay a portion of the expense. Financial assistance amounts vary and are based on the family's personal situation, income, and cost of care provided.

Q: Who qualifies as a child care provider?

A: The child care program selected must be one of the following:
a. State licensed day care provider
b. Accredited Kindergarten or preschool program
c. Affiliated with either a school or park district

Q: How is the Child Care provider paid?

A: Child care providers are paid directly from New Trier Township. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the balance.

Q: How will I know if my application has been accepted or rejected?

A: All applicants are notified in writing of the status of their request.

Q: Who administers this program?

A: The Financial Assistance Review committee is comprised of social service professionals. All information submitted to the committee remains highly confidential.

For more information about the Child Care Financial Assistance Program, contact:

Social Services Administrator
New Trier Township
847-446-8201