

## Child Care and Development Fund

The Child Care and Development Fund is a federal program that helps low-income families obtain child care so that they may work, attend training or continue their education. The purpose of CCDF is to increase the availability, affordability and quality of child care.

The CCDF program is administered through the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration in the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. The CCDF state plan outlines state and local level parameters and includes program outcomes, systems development and eligibility requirements.

Beginning **March 2020**, Families can now apply for CCDF using a new, easier-to-use online application called "Early Ed Connect." Early Ed Connect offers the benefits of:

- Easy use via mobile devices, as well as on a computer or tablet
- Ability to apply for multiple children in one application
- Ability to upload supporting documents, including via photo from a mobile phone
- Ability to save application progress and complete it at a later time
- Notification of successful submission
- Available in English and Spanish
- Online support information and videos

**Apply for child care  
assistance**  
[Click here](#)

[\(https://earlyedconnect.fssa.in.gov/\)](https://earlyedconnect.fssa.in.gov/)

If you have additional questions or would like to speak with an eligibility specialist, please [click here \(/fssa/files/CCDF\\_Eligibility\\_Office\\_Map.pdf\)](#).

Families must then choose a child care provider who meets CCDF provider eligibility standards. If you need help locating a CCDF-eligible provider, contact your local Child Care