

Child Care Assistance (CCA) subsidies are designed to promote equal access to quality child care services, regardless of income. CCA is available to the children of income-eligible parents who are absent for a portion of the day due to employment or participation in academic or vocational training or PROMISE JOBS activities. Assistance may also be available for a limited period of time to the children of a parent looking for employment.

Requirements vary by type of child care chosen. The following link provides an overview of the health and safety requirements and regulatory requirements for each type of child care eligible to accept CCA subsidies: <http://dhs.iowa.gov/childcare/overview>

Please be sure to check your child care provider's compliance and complaint history. This information may be accessed at: https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs_titan_public/ChildCare/ComplianceReport If you need further assistance with this, please contact us at FDHS@dhs.state.ia.us.

Iowa's Quality Rating System (QRS)

To learn about Iowa's voluntary Quality Rating System (QRS) and to determine if your child care provider is a current participant in the QRS, please visit: <http://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/ClientPortal/ProviderSearch.aspx>

Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral

Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral helps families make informed choices about child care and refers parents to child care that may meet the needs of you and your family. To talk to a parent specialist, contact 1-877-216-8481.

Child Care Complaint Hotline

If you have concerns regarding a child care provider, please contact the Child Care Complaint Hotline at 844-786-1296.

Developmental Screenings

While all children develop, learn, and grow at different paces, children do develop in predictable ways. Early Access is an early intervention service for children ages 0-3. Early Access works with families to identify needs and determines eligibility for services.

Iowa Family Support Network – www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/early-access-iowa/what-is-ea

For more information on developmental screenings, please consider reviewing the material at the below links:

- Care for Kids: Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment – www.dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/Medicaid-a-to-z/care-for-kids-epsdt
- Early Access: Department of Education – www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/early-childhood/early-access
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – www.idea.ed.gov/

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