

Childcare Assistance Available (Latchkey)

For many families, the cost of safe, quality childcare can affect the family budget. The Child Development and Care (CDC) Program may offer payment assistance for childcare services for families when the parent is not able to provide childcare because of employment, approved activities (such as furthering your education, employment preparation or training), high school completion, or family preservation (such as participating in counseling/treatment program).

Michigan has made changes so that more families can send their kids to childcare while keeping more money in their pockets. Even if you were previously denied, you may be newly eligible for childcare assistance. Apply to see if you are eligible to be awarded funds to help with the cost of childcare today by using this [Eligibility Calculator](#). In order to qualify, a family must have a qualifying income which is currently 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL):

- Family of 2: \$36,624 annually, or \$17.61/hour
- Family of 3: \$46,056 annually, or \$22.14/hour
- Family of 4: \$55,512 annually, or \$26.69/hour
- See the Child Development and Care Handbook on the CDC Subsidy page for income eligibility for larger households.

To seek help with childcare costs, families must complete an application. You can apply online at <https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page> or submit a paper application at your local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) office.

The CDC will determine eligibility within 30 calendar days of submitting a complete application. The Department will then send a letter notifying the family and Sacred Heart of the eligibility decision. Sacred Heart will then be able to bill the CDC for approved hours. The family will be responsible for any difference between the rate billed by Sacred Heart and the amount received by the CDC.