

Georgia Department of Human Resources Subsidized Child Care Program (CAPS)

The Department of Human Resources helps many families needing child care through the Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program with subsidies funded by the federal and Georgia state government.

Program Overview

- Families must apply for CAPS at their local county DFCS office.
- Parents or guardians must meet CAPS' income limits and activity requirements.
- Children in families eligible for CAPS may be subsidized up to age 13, or age 18 if they have special needs.
- Eligible families choose their own child care providers, as long as the provider meets state regulations and program requirements (Center, Family Day Care Home, Group Home or Informal Care givers).
- Families may pay a fee based on their annual income and the actual number of children receiving care. This fee is capped after the sixth child.
- Families are added to the CAPS programs as funding allows. If funding is not available, families are placed on a waiting list.
- The following clients or applicants are served in CAPS without regards to funding (**priority service**): TANF, Transitioning TANF, Supplemental Supervision (Foster Care), Court Ordered Supervision, Special Needs Children, Critical Child Protective Services, DFCS custody, Minor Parents in School and Parents 18-21 in High School.
- All providers participating in the CAPS program are paid by a provider management service contract with MAXIMUS, Inc.

Qualifications for CAPS

- Meet income limits based on family size and gross annual income.
- Participate in a state approved activity.

State approved activities:

- Employment for at least **24** hours per week for each adult parent in the household.
- Enrolled full time in a middle school, high school or GED program (**minor parents under 18 years only**).
- Enrolled full time in a job training program (**12 month time limit**).

Note: Grandparents receiving SSI or Social Security Disability Insurance (RSDI) **or** who are 60 years or older are exempt from the activity requirement.

Eligible Participants Responsibilities

- Select a child care provider who is legally operating according to Georgia law.
- Pay assessed family fee, based on income and family size, if applicable.
- Notify county child care staff of any eligibility changes.

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Resources

Families can find out more information about the CAPS program by visiting the CAPS website <http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/caps> or by contacting their local county DFCS office.

Families can get help locating child care providers by contacting the child care resource and referral agency for Fulton Co., Quality Care for Children, at 404-479-4200 or by visiting the state's child care licensing website at www.decal.ga.gov

DHR Afterschool Services Program

The Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) recognizes that positive youth development practices are effective strategies for helping Georgia's youth prepare for and transition into young adulthood. Youth development practices delivered in afterschool and summer programs play a vital role in motivating youth to achieve success not only in schools, but in their personal lives as well. To address these needs, DHR funds afterschool and summer programs across the state of Georgia for youth ages 6 – 19. The primary components of funded DHR summer and afterschool programs include youth development programming, academic enrichment activities, health education, physical activity and additional enrichment services and activities.

For more information regarding the DHR Afterschool Services Program, please visit the website at <http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/>.

