



THE MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

WHAT IS TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE?

Transitional Child Care is a program which helps a family pay for child care while family members work. It is run by the county department of human services.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

There are three requirements that must be met for a family to be eligible.

- (1) The family received ADC but is no longer receiving it because someone in the family is working.
- (2) The family received ADC in at least three of the six months right before leaving the ADC program.
- (3) There is a child in the home who is under 13. (There are special situations for some children 13 or older.)

WILL A FAMILY HAVE TO PAY FOR PART OF THE CHILD CARE?

Yes. There is a sliding fee. That means that how much a family pays is based on the family's income. If the family's income is high, the family will pay more money towards the child care cost than the family that makes less money.

HOW LONG DOES THIS HELP WITH PAYING CHILD CARE COSTS LAST?

A family who meets the program's rules and continues to meet them can get Transitional Child Care assistance for up to 12 months. The 12 months start the first month the family is no longer eligible to receive an ADC check.

WHAT IF THE CARETAKER OF THE CHILD LOSES A JOB (WITH GOOD CAUSE) DURING THE 12 MONTH PERIOD, AND THEN FINDS ANOTHER JOB; CAN THE FAMILY STILL GET TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE?

Yes, if the family still meets the rules, then the family would be able to get Transitional Child Care.



WHAT DOES "CONTINUE TO MEET" PROGRAM RULES MEAN?

The family would not remain eligible for the full 12 months if:

The family member who is the caretaker of the child quits his or her job without good reasons; or

The caretaker fails to cooperate with the child support agency.

WHAT IF A FAMILY DOESN'T AGREE WITH A DECISION MADE BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ON WHETHER THE FAMILY IS ELIGIBLE FOR TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE?

If a family member does not agree with an action or decision made by the county department of human services, a hearing can be requested. The hearing officer will listen to both sides, then a written decision will be sent to the family and the agency.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THIS HELP?

You need to call or go to the county department of human services office in your county to apply. You will need to provide proof of your family's income.