



Your Guide to Applying for Working Connections Child Care (WCCC)

When It's Required for Best Starts for Kids Subsidy

Why Apply For WCCC?

The Best Starts for Kids Subsidy Program requires some families to apply for the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) subsidy first. This is because WCCC is a state-funded subsidy and may cover more of your child care costs.

If your income is below a certain amount, you may be required to apply for WCCC and provide a denial letter before we can process your Best Starts Subsidy application.

Family Size	- 60% SMI - Monthly Income Limit (MUST APPLY)	- 65% SMI - Monthly Income Limit (SHOULD APPLY)
2	\$4,737	\$5,132
3	\$5,852	\$6,340
4	\$6,966	\$7,547
5	\$8,080	\$8,754
6	\$9,195	\$9,962
7	\$9,404	\$10,188
8	\$9,613	\$10,414
9	\$9,822	\$10,641
10	\$10,031	\$10,867

If your gross income (before taxes) is **at or below 60% SMI**, you must submit a WCCC denial letter or a waiver.

If your income is between 60–65%, we recommend applying to avoid delays.

Don't Wait!

You must send us the WCCC denial letter **within 14 days** after we ask for it.

If we don't get it and don't hear from you, your application will be marked incomplete.

How to Apply for WCCC

- Apply online: www.WashingtonConnection.org
- Or call: 1-844-626-8687
- When you apply:
 - Give DCYF your child care provider's name and phone number.
 - Submit income and work/school details.

What Kind of Denial Letter is Needed?

To move forward with Best Starts Subsidy, your WCCC denial letter:

- ✓ Must be less than 6 months old
- ✓ Must show denial based on income or lack of approved activity
- ✗ Cannot be due to an incomplete application

How to Send Your Denial Letter

Choose one of these easy options:

- ✚ Upload it to your Best Starts application in the portal
- ▲ Fax it to (253) 295-2643 (you can ask WCCC to do this for you)
- ☪ Text or email a photo or scanned copy to support@bskchildcare.org

Safety Concerns?

You may request a waiver if you have a safety concern and cannot apply for WCCC.

Contact the Best Starts Subsidy Team or email support@bskchildcare.org to ask for the waiver form.

Need Help?

- ✉ Email: support@bskchildcare.org
- ☎ Call/Text: (206) 208-6865
- 🌐 Info: www.brightspark.org/bskchildcare/



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