

# Are you eligible for Best Starts for Kids Child Care Subsidy?



The Best Starts for Kids Child Care Subsidy focuses on families who are not supported by other public subsidy programs and who struggle to afford child care. This includes families whose income is just above the eligibility limit for other subsidies, as well as families who fall under the income limit but either do not qualify for or are not adequately supported by those programs.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Best Starts Child Care Subsidy Program, families must meet the following criteria:

- **Reside in King County**
- **Have a gross household income\* that falls below 85% of the State Median Income (SMI) (see table on below). \*Gross income means all income before taxes or deductions.**
- **Have one or more children age 12 or under**
- **Choose a licensed child care provider**
- **Be ineligible for WCCC subsidy or not well served by existing programs.**

**Tip:** If your family's income is at or below about 65% SMI, we strongly recommend submitting a WCCC denial letter along with your application

### Best Starts for Kids Subsidy Gross Income Limits Table:

Family Size	- 85% SMI - Monthly Income Limit	- 85% SMI - Annual Income Limit
2	\$6,711	\$80,529
3	\$8,291	\$99,491
4	\$9,869	\$118,422
5	\$11,447	\$137,363
6	\$13,026	\$156,315
7	\$13,323	\$159,875
8	\$13,619	\$163,424
9	\$13,915	\$166,974
10	\$14,211	\$170,534

### WCCC Gross Income Limits Table:

If your income falls at or below these amounts, you MUST submit a Working Connections denial letter or waiver to receive the Best Starts Subsidy.

Family Size	- 60% SMI - Monthly Income Limit
2	\$4,737
3	\$5,852
4	\$6,966
5	\$8,080
6	\$9,195
7	\$9,404
8	\$9,613
9	\$9,822
10	\$10,031



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During the enrollment application, families will be asked to provide documentation to verify both their residency and income. See below for valid documentation sources.

## Residency Documents

**List A**  
- choose **ONE**  
document to submit -

- Mortgage statement or current lease
- Any utility bill (gas, water/garbage, electricity, internet)
- Homeowner's or renter's insurance statement
- Washington State Address Confidentiality Program card (no date required)
- If you are experiencing homelessness, there is an attestation included in the application

**OR**

**List B**  
- choose **TWO**  
documents to submit -

- Washington State Identification Card
- Washington State Driver's License
- Bank statement
- Credit card statement, cell phone bill, or other bill
- Paystub from employer
- Consulate card from any country
- Rent receipt

## Income Sources

*Income limits are for gross income, meaning pre-tax income. Gross income includes all sources of income before any deductions, such as wages, salaries, tips, unemployment benefits, child support, and any other income sources.*

- Employment income - W-2 / 1099
- Self-employment income, capital gains income, dividend income (from stocks), interest income, royalty income, income payments for driving or delivery through an app-based company
- Disability insurance- SSI/SSDI
- Student financial aid
- Rental income
- Received Child Support
- Jobs paid in cash
- Other income

## Your Household Size Includes:

★ Yourself

Up to **ONE** other adult who lives with you who is either your spouse OR significant other with whom you have a child

✿ Children under the age of 19 that live with you 50% or more of the time (regardless of child care need)

## Need Assistance?

Families are encouraged to reach out to the Subsidy Access and Support (SAS) Team for assistance throughout the authorization process.

✉ [support@bskchildcare.org](mailto:support@bskchildcare.org)

☎ (206) 208 - 6865

