



How Other Programs Work with Best Starts Subsidy

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if I get approved for Working Connections Child Care Subsidy (WCCC)?

If you qualify for WCCC, you will be disenrolled from Best Starts Subsidy, and payments will stop once WCCC coverage begins. You and your provider will receive an email explaining the disenrollment. If WCCC does not cover all needed care hours, Best Starts Subsidy may supplement it on a case-by-case basis, pending approval.

Can I use both Best Starts for Kids and WCCC subsidies?

No, in most cases.

If your family's income is at or below 60% of the State Median Income (SMI), you must apply for Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) first. If WCCC does not cover all needed hours, Best Starts Subsidy may provide supplemental coverage on a case-by-case basis. Best Starts Subsidy cannot be used to pay WCCC co-pays.

Which subsidies CANNOT be used with Best Starts for Kids Subsidy?

You cannot use Best Starts Subsidy at the same time as:

- *Seattle Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*
- *Seattle Parks and Recreation funded scholarships/subsidies for school-age children at programs run by Associated Recreation Council (ARC)*

If you qualify for one of these programs, you must choose which subsidy to use.

How do Best Starts and programs like Head Start and ECEAP work together?

If your child qualifies for Head Start or ECEAP, these programs take priority over Best Starts for Kids Subsidy. You must use these subsidies first. If they do not cover all necessary care hours, you may request additional help from Best Starts Subsidy. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Best Starts Subsidy Team.

*If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact the Subsidy Access and Support Team at **(206) 208-6865** or support@bskchildcare.org.*