



## Hennepin County

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This is a basic guideline for accessing services provided by Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department.

### **Program Area: Child Care Assistance**

Contact Number: 612-348-5937

Program Summary: Subsidized child care assistance for income-eligible families

#### **Program description**

##### **Target population**

Low to moderate income families who need help to pay for child care costs for children through age 12 or through age 14 if disabled

##### **Services:**

- **MFIP Child Care** is for families who receive assistance from the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Diversionary Work Program (DWP).
- **Transition Year Child Care** is available to families for one year after their MFIP or DWP benefits close.
- **Basic Sliding Fee Child Care (BSF)** is available to families who are not on public assistance. This program has limited funding.

##### **Conditions of eligibility:**

- Must reside in Hennepin County
- Must meet income guidelines
- Parent/Guardian must cooperate with child support enforcement
- Parents/Guardians must meet work, education, or job search criteria (MFIP/DWP families work with an Employment Counselor to develop an employment plan)

#### **Referral procedures**

##### **How to obtain services**

- Parents who receive Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Diversionary Work Program (DWP) benefits should be referred by their Employment Counselor.

- Others may call 612-348-5937.

**Intake locations:**

Northwest Family Service Center  
7051 Brooklyn Boulevard  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Creekside Community Center  
9801 Penn Ave. South  
Bloomington, MN 55431

South Workforce Center  
777 East Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Powderhorn  
1201 East Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Wells Fargo Building  
1011 1st Street South, Suite 215  
Hopkins, MN 55343

**What to expect:**

- Parent completes and submits the application. Applications are processed within 30-45 days.
- If a child care provider is not registered with Hennepin County, the process can take 6-8 weeks to complete.
- The Basic Sliding Fee program has limited funding. You may be placed on a waiting list.

**Other pertinent information:**

- Family pays a co-payment based on income and family size
- Child care providers must pass a background check and be registered with Hennepin County
- Child care providers bill the County for reimbursement of services based on maximum rates allowed

**Additional information:**

Learn more about these services on the [Child Care Assistance](#) pages.