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Many Immigrants Qualify for Child Care Assistance in NM

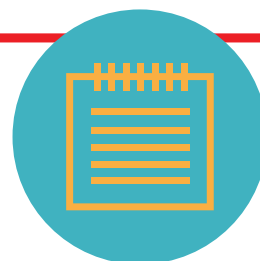
Child Care Assistance helps families with child care costs by paying all or a portion of child care payments. Families can receive benefits for children aged 2 weeks to 13 years old, and older if the child has special needs. Children must be in an immigration status that qualifies for benefits.

Children may qualify for child care assistance if they are in one of the statuses below:

- ✳ Lawful Permanent Resident
- ✳ Refugee status
- ✳ Asylum status
- ✳ Paroled in the U.S. for at least one year
- ✳ Withholding of deportation/removal
- ✳ Conditional Entrant (granted before 04/01/1980)
- ✳ Cuban or Haitian entrant
- ✳ Spouses, children, parent of child who have applied for a visa to leave domestic violence or abuse with a pending or approved self-petition/immigrant visa, application for cancellation of removal/suspension of deportation, and whose need for benefits has a substantial connection to the battery or cruelty

Applying is easy and simple:

- For more information on Child Care Assistance, contact your [regional Child Care Assistance office](#)
- Call Early Childhood Services at (505) 827-7499 or 1-800-832-1321
- Email at cyfd-ecs-customerservice@state.nm.us



Parents and caregivers do not need to provide information about their immigration status or Social Security Numbers (SSNs) to get assistance for their children. If the family has income that qualifies for the program, and the child has an immigration status that qualifies, the family can receive Child Care Assistance benefits.

Participation in child care assistance does not count in a public charge test used by the federal government in immigration application decisions.