



***Important Information
For Families and Providers***

Care 4 Kids Program

May 26, 2016

The Federal Government has made many changes to the child care subsidy program, which impact Connecticut's Care 4 Kids. The changes promote children's healthy development, safety, and school readiness while supporting parents who are working or in a training or education programs. Connecticut supports these important changes for our families and children to improve the quality and stability of child care for children birth through age twelve.

These new Federal requirements will increase the costs to provide subsidy through the Care 4 Kids Program.

Effective July 1, 2016, the following changes will be made to the Care 4 Kids program for working families whose gross income is less than 50% of the State Median Income (SMI). These families are currently classified as Priority Group 4 (PG4).

- Income eligibility for new families will change from less than 50% to a maximum of 30% of the State Median Income (SMI). Based on the current SMI for a family of three, monthly household income eligibility would be reduced from \$3,716.76 to \$2,230.05.
- Families currently holding a Care 4 Kids certificate would need to meet the 30% or under SMI requirement when they reapply for a new certificate at the 12-month redetermination.

Eligibility for TANF recipients (PG1), former TANF recipients (PG2) and teen parents ages 18 and 19 (PG3) will remain unchanged.

Questions concerning the program can be directed to Care 4 Kids at 1-888-214-5437. Complete information about the program is also available at www.ctcare4kids.com.