



PROVIDER FAQs

IS THERE FLEXIBILITY FOR PROVIDERS TO INCREASE RATES BASED ON PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM?

No, providers will not increase rates for ChildCareShare employees because of their program participation. Provider rates may increase for all families regardless of program participation; i.e., cost of living increases, annual tuition increase, etc.

CAN CHILD CARE PROVIDERS OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED REGION PARTICIPATE IN CHILDCARESHARE?

Eligible providers may be located outside of the designated program region of Marion County. The participating employee whose child is being cared for under the program must work at a partner employer located in Marion County, Ohio.

WHAT TYPES OF FACILITIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CHILDCARESHARE?

All participating providers must be licensed by the State of Ohio or hold a third-party accreditation. Before- and after-school care, summer care, and part- or full-time care are all covered by the program.

CAN PROVIDERS WHO OFFER FREE CHILDCARE TO STAFF AS A BENEFIT PARTICIPATE AS AN EMPLOYER?

In all cases, the cost of child care must be shared as outlined in the Memorandum of Use Agreement. If the employee does not contribute a share for the cost of child care, then the employer (in this case the provider) would not be eligible to participate.

HOW DO I BECOME A CHILDCARESHARE PARTNER PROVIDER?

Contact the lead agency of the Marion County Child Care Coalition, Marion Goodwill Industries, for information about participating as a provider.

WHAT LICENSING OR ACCREDITATION IS NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE AS A PROVIDER?

- Home providers must have an ODJFS license; Type A (up to 12 children at a time) or Type B (up to 6 children)
- Incorporated organization providers must have an ODJFS or ODE child care license, registered or approved ODJFS Day Camp, or a national recognized external accreditation such as Presidium.

I AM NOT A CHILD CARE PROVIDER; WHERE CAN I LEARN HOW TO GET STARTED?

To become a child care provider and learn more about local licensing, please contact ODJFS or YWCA.