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Child Care Tuition Scholarship Program

Purpose

- Keep low-income parents in the work force or training for work
- Decrease the number of working poor parents who must quit jobs and go on welfare because they can't afford the cost of childcare
- Provide quality early education opportunities for young children who otherwise would not be able to afford it

Who provides funding for these scholarships?

Funding for this program at the Douglas County Child Development Association is provided by United Way of Douglas County.

Who provides the childcare?

Eight non-profit, federally certified full-day centers in Lawrence including:

- ◆ Ballard Community Center, 842-0729
- ◆ Brookcreek Learning Center, 331-3353
- ◆ Children's Learning Center, 841-2185
- ◆ Community Children's Center, 842-2515
- ◆ Edna A Hill Child Development Center, 864-4840
- ◆ Hilltop Child Development Center, 864-4940
- ◆ Immanuel Lutheran Childhood Center, 842-8131
- ◆ Sunshine Acres Montessori Center, 842-2223

How do parents get a scholarship?

Parents who are working or who are in training or educational programs and who are income eligible, but who are not eligible for Kansas SRS funding, should call any of the participating centers. The center will be able to determine whether the parent is eligible and if there are openings for the child(ren) at this time.

How much of the childcare bill does the scholarship pay?

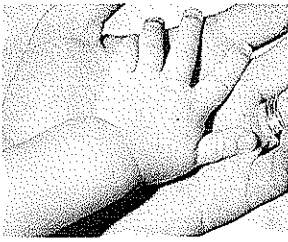
Scholarships are paid on a sliding scale according to the parents' income. They pay between 20% and 100% of the childcare fee. Parents who have partial scholarships are billed by the center for the remainder of their bill.

What are the income eligibility guidelines?

- Child must be a United States citizen
- Families are eligible to apply if they make no more than the following amounts monthly:
2 member family - \$3,500; *3 member family* - \$4,400; *4 member family* - \$5,300;
5 member family - \$6,200; *6 member family* - \$7,100; *7 member family* - \$8,000;
8 member family - \$8,900; *9 member family* - \$9,800; *10 member family* - \$10,700



United Way of Douglas County



FUND FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS (FIAT) CHILD CARE TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Goals

- Increase availability, affordability and quality of infant and toddler child care for at risk families
- Establish an infant and toddler child care financial aid system

Who provides funding for these scholarships?

Funding for this program is provided by the Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County through a Kansas Early Childhood Block Grant.

Who provides the childcare?

- Care is provided by Douglas County early learning programs that meet the following criteria:
 - Be a licensed child care home, group home or center in the State of Kansas
 - Be contracted with SRS and verify with a copy of their SRS agreement.
 - Provide full-day care
 - Enroll in the Kansas Quality Rating System (KQRS) to ensure that programs
 - Engage in continuous quality improvement
 - Communicate quality to families
 - Develop supportive relationships with working families

How do families qualify for a scholarship?

- A child must be less than 30 months of age and a resident of Douglas County.
- Family income would qualify them for participation in the federal free or reduced lunch program (up to 186% FPL).
- Parent(s) living in the home must be working at least 20 hours per week or have a documented need for childcare. Documentation must support the risk of the child being developmentally delayed and be approved by a mental health professional, special education consultant or physician.
- Families must apply for SRS child care subsidies.

How much of the childcare bill does the scholarship pay?

Scholarships are paid on a sliding scale according to the parents' income. Parents will pay only the SRS suggested family share.

How do parents get a scholarship?

Eligible families should call the FIAT Program Assistant at Douglas County Child Development Association (785) 842-9679 for application materials.

What are the income eligibility guidelines?

Families are eligible to apply if they make no more than the following amounts monthly:
2 member family - \$2,159; *3 member family* - \$2,714; *4 member family* - \$3,269;
5 member family - \$3,824; *6 member family* - \$4,379