



For parents...

What is the CCEP program?

The Child Care Executive Partnership (CCEP) program is an innovative, public/private partnership program that helps employers meet the needs of a growing segment of their work force—working parents. Through this program, federal and state funding is “matched” with contributions from local governments, charitable foundations, and participating businesses on a dollar-for-dollar basis to provide child care services to participating families.

How do I know if my family is eligible to participate?

Assess your eligibility. Low to moderate wage-earning families, at or below 200 percent of poverty, qualify for the program. For example, a family of four may earn up to \$40,000 annually and still be eligible to participate.

How much does it cost to participate?

Each early learning coalition has adopted a sliding fee scale that establishes parent fees based on family income. When the child care resource and referral agency conducts an eligibility determination for your family, fees will be determined based on income and family size. To get a general idea of how much you would be required to contribute, contact your local early learning coalition.

Can I choose my own child care provider, or do I have to enroll in a particular program?

You can use your current child care provider if that provider is willing to participate in the local school readiness child care system. The professionals at your local child care resource and referral agency will be glad to help you locate a quality child care arrangement that meets your family’s needs.

I work nights/weekends (and/or require before and after-school child care). Does the program cover this type of care?

Yes, depending on availability. You will need to find a child care provider that offers odd-hour or weekend care and is willing to provide child care at the locally-established reimbursement rate. Contact your local early learning coalition for information about after-school care for school-age children, odd-hour care, and weekend care. Also, your local early learning coalition can help you find child care that meets your particular needs.

How can I get more information for my employer?

Contact Natalie K. Sellars at the Office of Early Learning by telephone (850) 921-3180 or email natalie.sellars@awi.state.fl.us. You may also visit us on the web at www.ccep.bz or contact your local early learning coalition.