

# New Jersey Cares for Kids Child Care Subsidy Program Questions? Call 1-800-734-4810

- Attached is your Eligibility Application for the New Jersey Cares for Kids Child Care Subsidy Program. New Jersey Cares for Kids helps working families meet the cost of child care.
- The eligibility requirements of the NJCK Program are as follows:
  - ✓ Must be a Monmouth County resident
  - ✓ Must be employed full time (at least 30 hours per week) <u>OR</u>
  - ✓ Attend school full time (at least 20 hours per week)
     <u>OR</u>
  - ✓ Work part time <u>AND</u> go to school/training part time
  - ✓ Must meet income eligibility guidelines.
- If you need help finding child care, please contact your Subsidy Case Manager
- Once you are receiving child care subsidy any changes must be reported within 10 days to your Subsidy Case Manager.

# **INCOMPLETE OR FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

# **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- A month's worth of paystubs OR school/training registration
- Documentation of additional income, including child support, alimony, SSI, additional employment, unemployment, disability benefits, etc.
- If you receive child support submit proof of child support payments through child support portal. If you have a personal mutual agreement submit a letter from the father/mother stating the details of payment arrangements
- Copy of each child's birth certificate and social security card in household.
- Proof of Food Stamps AND Housing Assistance, if received.
- If you are self-employed, please include a copy of Schedule C or C-EZ and the tax transcript from the most recent tax return. This is through the IRS
- Do not forget to include Co-Applicant (Co-Applicant must meet same eligibility)
- Submit proof of residency (license, utility bill, or lease) and proof of identification.

# PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

## <u>INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES</u> GROSS ANNUAL INCOME FOR HOUSEHOLD CANNOT EXCEED:

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	6. Child Support/Alimony:								
	7. Other:								
	8. TOTAL GROSS INCOME:								
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Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Accepted

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			benefits do/did expire by entering Month, Day a				
		3.	Is your family an active case with the Division				
			subsidy residing with you? If yes, please give		-		
		4.	Are you currently receiving a TANF grant? If y				
		5.	Do you or a member of your family have a chro	onic med	ical problem for which	n child care is recommended as pa	rt of a treatment/rehabilitat
			plan? If yes, indicate the name of the individua	al/agency	authorizing the trea	tment plan and telephone number:	:
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		6.	Are you the head of the household in which y	ou resid	e?		
		7.	Are you currently homeless or at risk of becom	ming hor	neless?		
		8.	Are the children for whom you are requesting of	child care	e assistance in a DYF	S foster home, DYFS para-foster	home, or DYFS pre-adop
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#### Child Care and Early Education Service Eligiblity Application Certification READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I (we) hereby certify that all of the information provided is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. I (we) know that submitting false information about my (our) situation, failing to give the necessary information or causing others to hold back information is against the law and may subject me (us) to prosecution. I (we) also understand that:

- 1. Acceptance of child care financial assistance is not for my (our) personal use or expenses and that federal, state and local public funds are and will be used as payment for costs that are directly associated with services rendered by a child care provider.
- 2. It is unlawful to obtain financial assistance for child care services by providing any false or misleading information, including but not limited to information about my eligibility and/or information that relates to child attendance for provider records, sign-in sheets or voucher payment forms. Examples of unlawful behavior include, but are not limited to:
  - Failing to accurately report all sources of my (our) income. Examples include, but are not limited to not reporting multiple sources of income, or an increase or decrease in wage/salary, child support payments, or alimony, or any other income.
  - Failing to accurately report the amount of my income. Examples include, but are not limited to reporting the accurate amount(s)
    of income from self-employment; rent from property ownership or changing or altering pay stub information.
  - Failing to accurately report the number of household members. Examples include, but are not limited to failing to report that my spouse or another parent/guardian is living in the household.
  - Pre-signing and dating voucher certification forms, sign-in sheets or other provider records used to track and verify child attendance.
  - Failing to accurately verify child attendance on voucher payment records/forms within the reporting timeframes.
- 3. This information is being given in connection with federal, state and local public funds and will be used through computer matching programs to confirm the accuracy of my (our) statements and verify my (our) income, resources and need for child care assistance, as warranted.
- 4. Providing the requested information, including the Social Security Numbers of Parent(s)/Applicant(s), is voluntary. Agency staff may use my (our) names and Social Security information with federal and state agencies and other sources deemed necessary for official examination. However, copies of birth certificates, social security and qualified alien resident cards, if applicable, are required for all children for whom subsiday services are being requested.
- 5. Failure to provide or deliberate misrepresentation of required information will result in the denial of my (our) application, termination of child care benefits to the family and referral to federal, state or local agencies for criminal or civil court action, garnishment of wages or tax intercept, as well as private claims collection agencies for claims action involving repayment and recovery of funds.
- 6. Providing false or misleading information in connection with my (our) application for child care financial assistance, and/or failing to report within ten days any change in my (our) family size or family income or any other circumstances that might change my (our) eligibility, such as work/school/training status, may result in the termination of my (our) child care subsidy and make me (us) ineligible to apply for and/or receive subsidized child care for a period of six months for the first violation; for a period of 12 months for a second violation; and permanent disgualification for the third violation.
- 7. If I receive financial assistance as a result of false or misleading information, I (we) may be responsible to repay the costs of child care and may be subject to a civil fine and possible criminal prosecution.
- 8. I (we) understand that in order to verify my (our) income and service need, an agency representative may need to contact my (our) employer(s). I (we) hereby authorize my (our) employer(s) to release information regarding my (our) income, pay scale, hours and schedule of work to the agency to which I am applying.

	Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
	Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
	Unsigned applications cannot be processed. A copy of this docu	ment will be provided to you for your records.
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	Case Manager Name and Number:	
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Family	y's Total Assessed Co-Payment, if applicable (Enter Amt. and Check One): \$	
Check	Cone: DENIED APPROVED PENDING	
Staff I	Member Certification:	Date:
Note:		
Name	of CCR&R or CBC Provider:	DHS/CC:3 (12/0



At Child Care Resources we are committed to helping children and families thrive by providing child care financial assistance for eligible families, informing parents of available child care options and connecting them to community resources to support the healthy development of the entire family. Please take a moment and complete this short questionnaire so that we may better help you and offer more personalized service (any information you share will be kept strictly confidential). Thank you.

# Name:

# E-mail Address.

Ba	usic Needs.
1.	Is your child currently wearing diapers?  Yes No
	• Are you currently receiving diaper donations from any other agencies? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
	• What size diaper is your child wearing?
	• Would you like us to refer your information to a local diaper bank to see if you are eligible to receive
	diaper donations?
2.	Are you having trouble with Housing Expenses? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No IF YES:
	• Electric Bill?  Yes  No
	Heating Bill? □ Yes □ No
	• Housing/Rent?  Yes  No
	• Other? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No If yes, explain:
3.	Do you feel you are able to meet basic nutritional needs for your child and/or family? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No <i>IF NO</i> :
	• Are you familiar with the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program?
	• Do you need referrals to local food banks or pantries?
	• Are you familiar with SNAP/MCDSS? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
He	ealth Insurance and Other Related Services.
1.	<ul> <li>Are you a recipient of NJ Family Care or other state subsidized health care plans? □ Yes □ No</li> <li>If no, would you like more information on NJ Family Care? □ Yes □ No</li> </ul>
2.	Is your child meeting or on target for meeting basic developmental milestones? Crawling, walking and
	talking when they should be? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No $\Box$ Unsure
3.	Would you like to be referred for a Free Developmental Screening (ASQ) to assess your child's possible
	strengths and challenges?  Yes No
4.	Do you/your child have a disability or special need that you need referrals for support?

5.	Do you need refer	rals for m	ental health services?	□ Yes	🗆 Nc	)			
6.	Would you like re	ferrals for	r post-partum support?	? 🗆 Yes	🗆 Nc	)			
Ot	ther:								
1.	Are you dealing w	rith issues	(housing, monetary, st	ress or coj	ping) re	elated to (	COVID-19?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
2.	Would you like Re	emote Lear	rning Resources for you	ar childre	n?	🛛 Yes	🗖 No		
3.	Do you need Worl	king from	Home Resources for ye	ourself?		🗆 Yes	🗖 No		
4.	Do you need grief	resources	s to cope with the loss o	of a loved	one?	🗆 Yes	🗖 No		
5.	Would you like re	ferrals for	1:						
	Clothing?	🗖 Yes	🗖 No	Coats?		🛛 Yes	🗆 No		
	Toy drives?	🗆 Yes	🗖 No	Legal Ai	d?	🗆 Yes	🗖 No		

If you need additional community referrals, please indicate below what types of referrals you require.

For Official Use Only: Community Referrals Provided (write dow	wn number):					
Diaper Bank	COVID-19	Legal Aid Services				
Utility Assistance	Health Insurance	Early Intervention				
Housing/Rental Assistance	Mental/Emotional Health	Developmental Screening				
WIC	Post-Partum Support	Homelessness Prevention				
Food Bank/Pantries	DCP&P Abuse/Neglect	MCDSS General				
Clothing	Disability/Special Needs	SPAN				
Coats	Advocacy	SNAP – MCDSS				
Toys	Remote Learning (kids)	Remote Working				
School Supplies Other (please describe):	FSC					
WLS #:	Total number	of referrals given:				
Program:	Staff Initials.	Staff Initials.				
Date:						



# NEW JERSEY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

Below is a general list of required documents for each section of the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) application that must be submitted for initial eligibility consideration. Additional documents may also be required based on program requirements. If you have questions, need assistance filling out the application or to request any DFD-required forms, contact your local CCR&R. Visit <u>www.ChildCareNJ.gov/CCRR</u> for a list by county or call 1-800-322-9227.

A. APPLICANT & CO-APPLICANT IDENTIFICATIO	DN
	n Column A. If you are unable to provide from Column A, you may submit two
documents from Column B: COLUMN A (PRIMARY DOCUMENTATION) Submit one:	R COLUMN B (SECONDARY DOCUMENTATION) Submit two:
<ul> <li>Driver's License</li> <li>Government-Issued Photo ID Card</li> <li>Military Photo ID Card</li> <li>Employer-Issued Photo ID</li> <li>School Photo ID</li> <li>Passport</li> <li>Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High School Diploma, GED, or College Diploma</li> <li>Health Insurance Card or Prescription Card</li> <li>Printed Paystub</li> <li>Birth Certificate (applicant/co-applicant or child's)</li> <li>Social Security Card</li> </ul>
B. ADDRESS	
For each applicant/co-applicant, submit one of the following to veri	ify residence:
<ul> <li>application, you may have up to six months to submit the required page.</li> <li>Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons de hotels, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate abandoned in hospitals;</li> <li>Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a accommodation for human beings [within the meaning of section 10].</li> <li>Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abar</li> </ul>	<i>(For dependents 18+, must provide filed IRS 1040 Form)</i> ing situations and are unable to provide the necessary documents with your perwork. Situations include: ue to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping 03(a)(2)(C)]; andoned buildings, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for
C. HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION	
To prove relationship, any of following must be submitted for <b>any chil</b> Child's Birth Certificate Court Decree ( <i>if applicable</i> ) Custody Agreement or other court documents for guardianship ( <i>if</i> For <b>each dependent residing in the home</b> and included in the family	applicable)
Birth Certificate     Court Decree ( <i>if applicable</i> )     Custody Agreement or other court documents for guardianship ( <i>if</i> Most Recent Filed Tax Forms Showing Dependency ( <i>For dependen</i> )     If the <b>dependent is over the age of 18</b> , <b>submit one</b> of the following	applicable) nts 18+, must provide filed IRS 1040 Form)
Most recent filed tax forms showing dependency (copy of filed IRS     Health Insurance policy showing coverage for the dependent     Records of school enrollment	



# NEW JERSEY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

D.	INCOME	
	For each applicant/co-applicant, submit all that apply to verify income:	
	INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT:	OTHER INCOME OR BENEFITS TO FAMILY UNIT:
	<ul> <li>Must provide one month of current pay stubs (e.g. 4 weekly, 2 biweekly, etc.); and/or</li> <li>DFD Verification of Employment Form CC-188 (If needed to verify work hours when not reflected in the pay stubs or to verify income when the applicant/co-applicant does not receive pay stubs.)</li> <li>NEW EMPLOYMENT ONLY (If paystubs are not available):</li> </ul>	Documentation must show the rate and frequency of the income received from the sources below:  Pension/Retirement Documentation  Social Security Award Letter Unemployment/Worker's Compensation Documentation Alimony/Spousal Support Veterage/Militage Reposite
	<ul> <li>Employer letter on company letterhead (signed/dated) Must include rate of pay, hours worked per week, employer contact information, and first date of employment; or</li> <li>DFD Verification of Employment Form CC-188 (<i>If approved for CCAP, applicant/co-applicant will be required to follow up with pay stubs if received.</i>)</li> <li>SELF-EMPLOYED ONLY:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Veterans/Military Benefits</li> <li>Disability Benefits</li> <li>Child Support (minimum 6 months of Payment/Disbursement History)</li> <li>Any other income required for federal/state tax reporting purposes</li> <li>(Note: If child support or alimony is not court ordered, write the amount you receive monthly in Section C of the application)</li> </ul>
	Submit Current IRS Tax Transcript of Form 1040 along with Schedule C, "Profit or Loss from Business"	
	UNABLE TO WORK or INCAPACITATED: DFD Statement of Incapacity Form CC-10	
E.	WORK/SCHOOL/TRAINING	

For each applicant/co-applicant, submit one of the following:

WORK: See Section D, "Income from Employment" for acceptable documents to verify hours of work

SCHOOL: Detailed school schedule naming the school and the student, including days and hours attending, credits, start and end date

TRAINING PROGRAM: Letter on program letterhead (signed/dated) indicating name of program, start and end date and weekly schedule

# F. CHILD(REN) INFORMATION

For any child in need of care, submit one of the following:

U.S. Birth Certificate

Certificate of Citizenship

U.S. Passport or Passport Card

Social Security Card

Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) (USCIS Form I-551)

Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571)

Electronic version of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Form I-94 (available on the CBP One Mobile App or https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94#home)

# CHILD'S ANNUAL CARE PLANS

Please complete an annual care plan for each child you are requesting a child care subsidy for.



Applicant Name:	Child's Name:
	Child's Date of Birth:
Please indicate <b>your</b> work/training hours for each day (ex. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm)	Please indicate the hours of <b>child care</b> your child will need each day (ex. $8:30 \text{ am} - 5:30 \text{ pm}$ ):
Sunday:	Sunday:
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$\square$ Registered Family Child Care $\square$ A <sub>1</sub>	ead Start 🔲 Before and After School – Age Care pproved Home Provider epartment of Education Preschool
Child Care Provider:	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	

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# **CHILD'S SUMMER CARE PLAN**

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Child Care Provider Name:	-		
Address:			
Phone Number:			

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** If your child requires care on ½ days and vacations days during the school year, you will be responsible to pay for the additional cost of care. Remember to check the <u>total cost of care for each</u> <u>of your children</u>. If your provider's cost of care is more than the maximum allowable subsidy amount, you will be expected to pay the balance. This balance is called an excess fee and must be paid in addition to your copay. This Program is not responsible for any additional fees charged by the child care provider, including but not limited to transportation and activity fees.

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# \*\*\*ACTION REQUIRED REGARDING YOUR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY\*\*\*

#### Dear Client,

Enclosed is the **Disqualification of Services for Parents** Policy issued by the State of NJ, Division of Family Development. This policy is effective immediately. Please read it carefully, sign below and return for your file. This is due immediately.

This policy details the steps that will be taken to suspend child care services for clients for the following reasons: failure to use ECC properly, failure to report all sources of income, failure to accurately report income, failure to report within 10 days any changes of house hold circumstances that change eligibility, etc. Violations for such penalties range from loss of child care services from one month to termination for one year.

It is important for our clients to know this policy as we will be enforcing it. Again, please read it carefully. If you have questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Kim Telesca, ext. 111 Subsidy Programs Manager ktelesca@ccrnj.org

#### Sign Below and Return in the enclosed envelope. Due Upon Receipt.

**Plea	se Print Clearly. **	
I am in receipt of the Child Care Policy Regardi	ng Disqualification of Services of Parents.	
Print Client Name:	Family ID/Case #:	_
Signature of Client :	Date:	
Signature of Co-Applicant:	Date:	
Email:	Phone #:	



State of New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Family Development PO BOX 716 Trenton, NJ 08625-0716

JENNIFER VELEZ Commissioner

JEANETTE PAGE-HAWKINS Director TEL: (609) 588-2000

July 7, 2014

# TO: CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL (CCR&R) DIRECTORS COUNTY WELFARE AGENCY DIRECTORS

## SUBJECT: CHILD CARE POLICY REGARDING DISQUALIFICATION OF SERVICES FOR PARENTS

DFD Instruction No. 14-07-01

Rescission of: DFDI 12-10-04 and 14-06-03

Regulatory References: N.J.A.C. 10:15-6.14; N.J.A.C. 10:15-6.15; N.J.A.C. 10:15-9; N.J.A.C. 10:15-10.4

This instruction will impact all DFD Child Care Programs.

## PURPOSE

To provide guidance and clarification to the CCR&Rs regarding the disqualification of child care services for parents.

# BACKGROUND

Parents/applicants are required, at all times, to comply with New Jersey's subsidized child care program regulations and policies.

Any type of program violation will subject a parent/applicant to penalties that may include disqualification, termination, denial at time of application or reapplication, criminal investigation and/or recoupment of payment, if the parent/applicant is found by the CCR&R or DHS/DFD to be in violation of New Jersey's subsidized child care program regulations and policies.

CHRIS CHRISTIE Governor

KIM GUADAGNO *Lt. Governor* 

# DISQUALIFICATION PROCESS

A case of program violation can be brought to the Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development's (DFD) and/or CCR&R's attention through a variety of means, such as a phone call, letter, e-mail, newspaper article, television news broadcast, personal knowledge, or state databases used during the normal applicant eligibility determination and redetermination process. The CCR&R will then conduct an investigation to determine whether or not the program violation is substantiated. The CCR&R shall seek DFD guidance on cases in which clarification is required.

A substantiated case of program violation will result in the suspension or disqualification of child care subsidy and make the parent/applicant ineligible to apply/reapply for and/or receive subsidized child care for a specified period of time depending upon the number and type of violations.

A parent or applicant may appeal the decision to suspend or terminate the child care subsidy.

The steps to take to suspend or disqualify a parent/applicant child care subsidy for various violations are outlined below.

# General Program Violations

Program violations that may result in suspension or disqualification include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Failure to report within ten (10) calendar days any change in family size/composition, family income or any other <u>circumstances that change eligibility</u>, such as work/school/training status or income that exceeds program specific Federal Poverty Level (FPL) requirements, etc.

(2) Failure to accurately report all sources of income. Examples include, but are not limited to, not reporting multiple sources of income (multiple employers), or an increase or decrease in wage/salary, child support payments, or alimony, unemployment, workman's compensation, pension, supplemental security income (SSI), social security disability income (SSDI), survivor benefits or any other income.

(3) Failure to accurately report the amount of income. Examples include, but are not limited to, not reporting the accurate amount(s) of income from self-employment, rent from property ownership, or changing or altering pay stub information.

(4) Failure to accurately report the number of household members who are required to be counted to determine family or household composition. Examples include, but are not limited to, failing to report that a spouse or another parent/guardian is living in the household.

#### **ECC** – Program Violation

Failure to comply with the E-Child Care Parent/Provider Responsibilities and Agreement may result in a warning notice, suspension or disqualification.

#### PENALTIES/PROCEDURES

#### Warning Notice

Upon evidence of an E-Child Care program violation, the CCR&R has seven (7) calendar days to send a warning letter (see attached) to the parents and offer training. CCR&Rs are required to provide written notification of parental warning to providers. For WFNJ cases, copies of all notices must also be sent to the County Welfare Agency (CWA). The parent/applicant will have up to two weeks (14 days) from the date of the warning letter to attend training and remedy the action by demonstrating consistent use of ECC. To document compliance or noncompliance, the CCR&Rs must print out the transaction report for that two-week period once the 14-day back swipe period has closed.

#### **General Program and ECC Violations Penalties**

#### Warning Notice

Upon evidence and/or notification of a program violation, the CCR&R has seven (7) calendar days to send a warning letter (see attached) to the parents/guardians. CCR&Rs are responsible for taking the necessary action to determine if the parent/guardian remains eligible and if repayment of funds is required.

#### First Violation (except fraud) – One (1) month disqualification

Upon completion of the one month disqualification, if the case is eligible, redetermination rules will apply. The eligibility threshold is 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or below (350%-500% FPL for Kinship). WFNJ cases will require written notice to the CWA and verification that the CWA was informed of the disqualification.

#### Second Violation (except fraud) –Three (3) months disqualification

Upon completion of the three month disqualification, if the case is eligible, redetermination rules will apply. The redetermination eligibility threshold is 250% FPL or below (350%-500% FPL for Kinship). WFNJ cases will require written notice to the CWA and verification that the CWA was informed of the disqualification.

# Third Violation and/or Fraud – Termination for up to twelve (12) months and/or permanent disqualification

If the violation has not resulted in permanent disqualification, parent could be subject to up to a twelve (12) month termination, after which the parent/applicant must reapply with the eligibility threshold being at 200% FPL or below.

Fraud or program violations that may be subject to up to a twelve (12) month termination include the following:

- (1) Failure to provide, or provision of, false or misleading or deliberate misrepresentation of, required information in connection with a new application or current child care subsidy case. (This may also result in the denial of any subsidy, and referral to federal, state or local agencies for criminal or civil court action, garnishment of wages or tax intercept, as well as private claims collection agencies for claims action involving repayment and recovery of funds.)
- (2) Reporting child(ren) present in attendance when child(ren) were not in attendance.
- (3) Repeated misuse of the ECC card resulting in multiple violations.
- (4) Repeated general program violation resulting in multiple violations.

WFNJ cases will require written notice to the CWA and verification that the CWA was informed of the termination for up to twelve (12) months.

#### **Appeal Procedures:**

It is the right of every parent who receives a disqualification notice from the CCR&R to request a review of his/her case by the CCR&R and/or DFD. The CCR&R must inform the parent of his/her right to request a review. A timely request must be made within ten (10) days of the date of the disqualification notice. See attached information on appeal rights.

## **FISCAL**

The CCR&R must establish a Child Care Services Repayment Agreement with the parent, if it is discovered that an overpayment occurred as a result of a program violation or fraud. The CCR&R must maintain a copy of the Child Care Services Repayment Agreement in the family case record.

The CCR&R will collect and deposit in a bank all collections for overpayments received from the parent during the month. At the end of the month the CCR&R will write one check for the collections received during the prior month from the clients. The check should be made payable to "Treasurer State of New Jersey" and mailed to the Division of Family Development, Attention: Robert Hughes, Financial Reporting Unit. The CCR&R will also send a detailed report along with the check identifying the client, the amount, and the specific contract component (funding stream) for which the reimbursement applies. See attached report template.

## TRAINING

DFD will continuously meet with the CCR&Rs and their policy staff to ensure that this policy is clear and understood.

## OUTREACH AND NOTIFICATION

CCR&Rs are required to inform families in writing of this policy. CCR&Rs are required to ensure families have received written notification. Written verification must be placed

in the case file prior to taking any adverse actions. WFNJ cases require written notification and verification that the CWA was informed prior to any adverse action.

## **REPORTING**

The CCR&R shall monitor and track all parents/applicants who have had their child care subsidies either suspended or terminated as result of program violation, and submit quarterly reports to the Child Care Specialist and report designee.

Sincerely,

# SIGNED

Jeanette Page-Hawkins Director

Attachments:

Child Care Services Repayment Agreement ECC-155(Rev06/14) Warning Letter for Failure to Use or Misuse of ECC-161(New06/14) Parent Disqualification Notice CC-171(Rev06/14) Parent Repayment Fiscal Tracker CC-181(New06/14) Warning Letter for Failure to Comply with Child Care Subsidy Program Policy ECC-184(New07/14)

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Cc: Dr. Allison Blake, Commissioner Department of Children and Families

> Lisa Von Pier, Assistant Commissioner Department of Children and Families

Valerie J. Harr, Director Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

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# **Notification of Change Form**

In November 2014, Congress reauthorized the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act. Changes in family circumstances have historically impacted eligibility, such as medical leave or termination of employment, training or school. The law now prevents certain changes in family circumstances from impacting eligibility.

The Notification of Change Form attached to this document is for you to keep in the event you have a change in family circumstances that may affect your eligibility. Changes that need to be reported include but are not limited to the following:

- Termination of Employment/School/ Training
- Medical Leave/Family Leave/Maternity Leave
- Seasonal Work/School Break
- Reduced Hours: Work/School/Training
- Wage reduction/increase
- Change in Family Size

Please note if you have a change that may affect your eligibility you must report the change within 10 business days. This form will make it easier to report the change as it outlines all of the changes that may occur within a 12 month eligibility period. It will allow our staff to determine if your change is covered under this new law so we can make all applicable changes to your agreement. If you do not report the changes you may be subject to a repayment agreement and/or termination of services.

If you have any questions about this policy or any of our other policies please contact our Subsidy Programs Manager, Kim Telesca at ext. 111 or your Subsidy Case Manager.

# THIS FORM DOES NOT HAVE TO BE RETURNED WITH THIS PACKET, PLEASE KEEP THIS DOCUMENT FOR FUTURE USE!!

**ATTENTION:** If you need your copay reduced because of a change in your family circumstances, please submit this form within <u>10 DAYS</u> of the change.

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