

Effective October 1, 2014

1. Maximum Income Eligibility Limits

For **all new applicants**, to determine a child’s eligibility for subsidized child care, county staff will use:

- a. 200% of the federal poverty for children ages 0-5 and for all children with special needs
- b. 133% of the federal poverty level for all children ages 6-12 who do not have special needs (see chart below).

200% Federal Poverty Level (All children ages 0-5, and All special needs children)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Gross Monthly Income	\$1945	\$2622	\$3298	\$3975	\$4652	\$5328
Family Size	7	8	9	10	11	12
Maximum Gross Monthly Income	\$6005	\$6682	\$7358	\$8035	\$8712	\$9388

133% Federal Poverty Level (All children ages 6-12, no special needs)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Gross Monthly Income	\$1293	\$1743	\$2193	\$2643	\$3093	\$3543
Family Size	7	8	9	10	11	12
Maximum Gross Monthly Income	\$3993	\$4443	\$4893	\$5343	\$6243	\$6693

For children *currently* receiving child care subsidy, children shall continue to receive services based on 75% of the State median income criteria (see chart below) until the child’s next eligibility redetermination. This includes any child whose next eligibility redetermination begin date is prior to Oct 1, 2014. Children who are determined to no longer be eligible for subsidy services (at their redetermination) under the new income guidelines must receive a ten day notice prior to termination of subsidized child care services.

75% of the State Median Income (Old guidelines)

Fee Percentage	10%			9%		8%
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Gross Monthly Income	\$2177	\$2847	\$3517	\$4187	\$4856	\$5526
Fee Percentage	8%					
Family Size	7	8	9	10	11	12
Maximum Gross Monthly Income	\$5652	\$5777	\$5903	\$6029	\$6154	\$6280

2. Percentage of Income used for Parental Fees – Effective October 1, 2014

Effective October 1, 2014 fees for families who are required to share in the cost of care shall be established based on ten percent (10%) of gross family income regardless of family size.

3. Proration of Parental fees – Effective October 1, 2014

- 1. Effective October 1, 2014 parental fees will no longer be prorated for partial day level/plan of care.
- 2. All families with children receiving part time care will pay 100% of the parental fee based on 10% of the family’s gross income.
- 3. This means that if a family’s parental fee has been assessed to a school age or preschool age child with wrap care, the family will pay 100% of the parental fee based on 10% of the family’s gross income.

Changes Effective January 1, 2015

Income Unit Definition

The definition of income unit has been changed to include the following:

A stepparent and stepparent's child, if applicable; and

A nonparent relative caretaker, and the caretaker's spouse and child, if applicable, when the parent of the child receiving subsidized child care does not live in the home with the child.

Income earned by these family members must now be included in the calculation for determining the income eligibility of the child as well as the calculation of the parental fee. This policy change must also be applied to all families who are currently receiving child care assistance by January 1, 2015.

1. The determination of eligibility and income calculations on all cases receiving subsidized child care must include:

- a) All members of the newly defined income unit
- b) Any countable income of all income unit members.

2. County staff must contact families in order to obtain the following information:

- a) Names of all household members and their relationship to the child/children in care.
- b) Verification of income of all household members, if applicable (If household member receives FNS, staff may deem income from FNS).

3. All new household members and any income must be added to the case by January 1, 2015.

4. Child care action notices must be sent with a ten day termination notice for any child found to be ineligible due to this change with an effective date of January 1, 2015. These notices must be sent by December 16, 2014.