

# COMPARISON

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM AND MIXED DELIVERY



The Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) and Mixed Delivery (MD) play key roles in Virginia's efforts to increase access and choice for families across the state. Careful consideration of your program options will keep your child and family's needs and preferences at the center of the decision of which program makes most sense for you.

CCSP and MD both provide early childhood care and education (ECCE) services in community-based settings, including child care centers and family child care homes. Your child may be eligible to participate in either program. Understanding how each program works is important in making decisions about which is the best fit for your family.

### WHO QUALIFIES?

#### CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Children ages 6 weeks through 5 years, plus school-age children.

Families qualify if **ALL** apply:

- Family income is at or below 85% of the State Median Income (SMI).
- All parents or legal guardians in the household are working, in school or job training, or looking for work.

Families are approved for a certain number of hours per week based on the parents'/guardians' work, school, or training schedule.

- This includes hours needed for transportation/commuting and for studying/homework, if in school.
- Parents or guardians that are searching for work may choose full- or part-time care, based on their needs.

Approved CCSP providers operate on a variety of different schedules. If you only qualify for part-time care and your preferred provider does not offer a part-time option, you may be required to pay the difference to your provider.

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

All family and program factors should be taken into consideration when selecting a program for your family.

#### CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

CCSP may be a good fit for your family if:

- **You do not want full-day, full-year child care.**
- **Your preferred provider is church-based.**
- **Your work schedule is weekend and evening hours.**

**NOTE:** If you are eligible for both CCSP and MD and have more than one child, you may choose to have a child served in each program based on your needs and preferences, as well as your children's eligibility.

#### MIXED DELIVERY

Children ages 6 weeks through 5 years.

*\* Children must be no older than 4 at the time of enrollment.*

Families qualify if **ANY** apply:

- Family income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG).
- Family is experiencing homelessness.
- Parents did not complete high school.
- Child has an identified disability or receives early intervention.

Mixed Delivery programs are required to offer full-day, full-year care for all children enrolled.

- This means 2,400 hours per year, with most MD providers operating 10 hours per day, 5 days per week, year-round (a minimum of 240 days).



#### MIXED DELIVERY

MD may be a good fit for your family if:

- **You prefer full-day, full-year care, whether or not you work or attend school full-time.**
- **You are unable to afford the CCSP family copay.**

## WHERE AND WHEN?

### CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Families may attend an approved Child Care Subsidy Program provider. Approved providers may include:

- Licensed child day centers
- Licensed family day homes
- Religious-exempt child day centers
- Unlicensed family day homes



CCSP can provide wraparound care for children enrolled in Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI), Head Start (HS), or Early Head Start (EHS) if the site is a CCSP provider.

Before- and after-care services may be offered at the primary site if the site is an approved provider, or at another approved provider in the community. CCSP funds would only support the portion of the day/year not covered by the primary program, including full days in the summer, if needed.

## WHO PAYS?

### CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Families receive a voucher to offset the cost of child care services for eligible children at approved child care providers.

If a family moves or otherwise wishes to use a different approved provider partway through their eligibility period, the subsidy follows the family to the new location.

The state pays for the approved care amount directly to the provider, up to the local Maximum Reimbursement Rate. If your preferred provider charges private-paying families more than what the state pays, they may ask you to pay the difference.

Families also have a monthly payment responsibility called a **COPAYMENT** that is paid directly to the provider.

## INCOME ELIGIBILITY CALCULATOR

Family Size	100% FPG	200% FPG	300% FPG	85% State Median Income
2	\$19,720	\$39,440	\$59,160	\$70,013
3	\$24,860	\$49,720	\$74,580	\$86,486
4	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$90,000	\$102,961
5	\$35,140	\$70,280	\$105,420	\$119,434
6	\$40,280	\$80,560	\$120,840	\$135,907
Per-Child Copay	\$0	\$60	\$90	\$180

\*These CCSP FPG rates will not technically be in effect until fall 2023. You may find FY23 eligibility rates at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/4b515876c4674466423975826ac57583/Guidelines-2022.pdf>. Note that different programs have different timelines for updating their rates.

### MIXED DELIVERY

Providers must be **licensed child care centers or family day homes** to participate in Mixed Delivery. Providers are selected through a competitive grant process.



MD can provide wraparound care for children enrolled in Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI), Head Start (HS), or Early Head Start (EHS) if the site is a Mixed Delivery provider.

This means that eligible children receive services at the same location full-day, year-long. MD funds would support the portion of the day/year not covered by the primary program, including full days in the summer, if needed.

### MIXED DELIVERY

The cost of care is paid directly to the child care provider. Families do not have any payment responsibilities for MD-enrolled children.

Providers are awarded funds to serve a certain number of Mixed Delivery-eligible children under a contract.

This means that the funds remain with the provider if the family leaves the program.

Vacant slots at Mixed Delivery sites are expected to be filled by another eligible child.

Families have **NO COPAYMENT** in Mixed Delivery.

**NOTE:** Programs count different kinds of income in different ways. Talk to your provider about income eligibility for Mixed Delivery or a caseworker at your local department of social services about income eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program.