



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

CCAP - Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)

Phone: (970) 498-6300

Website:

https://www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/OEC_Families?p=family&s=Colorado-Child-Care-Assistance-Program&lang=en

- Colorado's Office of Early Childhood offers childcare subsidies for grand families who need help affording quality childcare. The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) helps families that are homeless, working, searching for work or in school find low-income childcare assistance. Families that are enrolled in the Colorado Works Program can also use CCCAP services.

WIC

Phone: (970) 498-6720

Website: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic>

- The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age 5 who are found to be at nutritional risk. *Including grandparents raising grandchildren because the children are at risk.*

TANF/Child Only TANF

Phone: (970) 498-6300

Website: <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/colorado-works>

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Children being raised by Kin Caregivers, who have not adopted the child, qualify without consideration of the Kin Caregivers income, and after calculating any Social Security or child support the child is receiving.
- Apply for Child Only TANF – Best option is to apply in person at the “DHS” Department of Human Services County Benefits Office. Have the application time stamped and put “Child Only TANF” in all of the borders of the application. If denied you can appeal and ask why it was denied. Make sure that the application was processed as “Child Only TANF”.
- You will be asked to provide information about the parents of the child(ren) so that they may seek child support from the parent. If DHS is successful in collecting Child Support, it may go back to the County to pay for TANF funds paid out to the child. There are some rules to how much child support can affect the amount you receive. Be sure to ask the technician to explain this to you.

Free and Reduced Lunches

Website: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/national-school-lunch-program#howtoapply>

- All children in Colorado now receive free lunches. Children with low income should apply for Free and Reduced Lunch Program which can also cover the cost of certain school fees.

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Children being raised in grandfamily & kinship without child welfare involvement may be considered “unaccompanied” can also qualify under the federal McKinney Vento Act.

- You can learn more at Generation United <https://www.gksnetwork.org/resources/school-breakfast-and-lunch-programs-for-grandfamilies-and-kinship-families/>

Medicaid

Website: <https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/>

- If you have a child with special needs and your income is a factor you may want to ask about Medicaid Buy In. <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/health-first-colorado-buy-in-programs>

Child Support:

Website: <https://childsupport.state.co.us/>

- Parents should be responsible for the support of their children. This can be a challenge and often our families find it contentious to seek child support. Kin Caregivers often feel that it will force the parent into hardship and prevent them from accomplishing their sobriety or mental health programs. These are all the things to consider in your individual case.

See also GFC Two Pager “Financial Assistance Utility Costs”

Aid to Needy Disabled (AND)

Phone: (970) 498-6300

<https://www.larimer.gov/humanservices/public-benefits/cash-assistance-programs>

- Cash assistance for individuals under age 60, living with a disability lasting six months or longer that prevents them from working. Individuals receiving the AND benefit are also eligible for the Disability Navigator Program, a program that helps AND recipients receive a higher cash value by applying to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit.

Aid to the Blind

Phone: (970) 498-6300

<https://www.larimer.gov/humanservices/public-benefits/cash-assistance-programs>

- Provides financial assistance to low-income people of any age who meet the social security definition of blindness.

Old Age Pension (OAP)

Phone: (970) 498-6300

<https://www.larimer.gov/humanservices/public-benefits/cash-assistance-programs>

- Provides assistance and health care benefits for low-income individuals aged 60 and over.

Other back to work programs can be found at:

Phone: U.S. Department of Labor or call 877.US2.JOBS (877) 872-5627)

Website: <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/benefits-assistance/employment-assistance>

- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Participants must be 55 or older with an household income below poverty level.