

Tennessee Department of Human Services

Child Care Certificate Program Provider Weekly Reimbursement Rates Including Star-Quality Bonus Payments

Effective October 1, 2023

Child Care Centers	State Rate		One Star		Two Stars		Three Stars	
	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos	\$259.00	\$169.00	\$272.00	\$177.00	\$298.00	\$194.00	\$311.00	\$203.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos	\$235.00	\$155.00	\$247.00	\$163.00	\$270.00	\$178.00	\$282.00	\$186.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten	\$205.00	\$148.00	\$215.00	\$155.00	\$236.00	\$170.00	\$246.00	\$178.00
School In	\$79.00	\$75.00	\$83.00	\$79.00	\$91.00	\$86.00	\$95.00	\$90.00
School Out	\$119.00	\$110.00	\$125.00	\$116.00	\$137.00	\$127.00	\$143.00	\$132.00

Group Homes	State Rate		One Star		Two Stars		Three Stars	
	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos	\$215.00	\$143.00	\$226.00	\$150.00	\$247.00	\$164.00	\$258.00	\$172.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos	\$200.00	\$135.00	\$210.00	\$142.00	\$230.00	\$155.00	\$240.00	\$162.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten	\$184.00	\$125.00	\$193.00	\$131.00	\$212.00	\$144.00	\$221.00	\$150.00
School In	\$101.00	\$71.00	\$106.00	\$75.00	\$116.00	\$82.00	\$121.00	\$85.00
School Out	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$126.00	\$105.00	\$138.00	\$115.00	\$144.00	\$120.00

Family Homes	State Rate		One Star		Two Stars		Three Stars	
	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier	Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos	\$180.00	\$133.00	\$189.00	\$140.00	\$207.00	\$153.00	\$216.00	\$160.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos	\$175.00	\$126.00	\$184.00	\$132.00	\$201.00	\$145.00	\$210.00	\$151.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten	\$160.00	\$120.00	\$168.00	\$126.00	\$184.00	\$138.00	\$192.00	\$144.00
School In	\$119.00	\$79.00	\$125.00	\$83.00	\$137.00	\$91.00	\$143.00	\$95.00
School Out	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$131.00	\$126.00	\$144.00	\$138.00	\$150.00	\$144.00

Authorized	State Rate	
	Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos	\$126.00	\$95.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos	\$119.00	\$88.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten	\$95.00	\$78.00
School In	\$55.00	\$55.00
School Out	\$84.00	\$73.00

(a) Part-time for Infant, Toddler, and Preschool is one-half the full-time rate (rounded up)

\* = One Star Rates equal the State rate plus a 5% quality bonus payment for Licensed providers

\*\* = Two Star Rates equal the state rate plus a 15% quality bonus payment for Licensed providers

\*\*\* = Three Star Rates equal the State rate plus a 20% quality bonus payment for Licensed providers

**Note:** "Top Tier Counties" are those with the 20 highest average populations in 2021 and/or 20 highest per capita incomes 2019-2021. The following counties meet one of those criteria:

Anderson, Blount, Bradley, Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Greene, Hamilton, Knox, Loudon, Madison, Maury, Montgomery, Putnam, Roane, Robertson, Rutherford, Sevier, Shelby, Sullivan, Sumner, Washington, Williamson, Wilson

**Note:** Beginning July 1, 2019 the State will add a 15% differential to counties identified as either distressed or child care deserts based on current Desert Mapping and annual distress county designations : Desert: • Region 1 was identified as a deficit of over 500 child care slots to meet the needs of families. This region includes the following counties: Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Coffee, Cumberland, Fayette, Franklin, Grainger, Greene, Hardeman, Hardin, Hawkins, Hickman, Jefferson, Lawrence, Loudon, Macon, Marion, Marshall, Maury, McMinn, McNairy, Monroe, Morgan, Rhea, Roane, Sevier, Smith, Sullivan, Union, Warren, Washington and White •Region 2 was identified as a deficit of 250 to 500 child care slots to meet the needs of families. This region includes the following counties: Benton, Cannon, Carroll, Chester, DeKalb, Dickson, Fentress, Henderson, Humphreys, Jackson, Lincoln, Meigs, Perry, Polk, Sequatchie, Unicoi, Wayne and Weakley. Distressed as of July 1, 2023: Bledsoe, Clay, Cocke, Hancock, Hardeman, Lake, Perry, Scott

**Note:** Beginning July 1, 2019 a 15% differential above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for children receiving care in non-traditional hours. (The majority of the child's care is offered between the hours of 6:00pm and 6:00am.)

**Note:** Beginning October 1, 2021 a 15% differential above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for children receiving care and have been identified with disabilities and special needs.

**Note:** Beginning October 1, 2023 a 15% differential above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for infants and toddlers.

**Note:** There will be a 5% QRIS Transition Bonus applied for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024