



Child Care Provision After Leaving Cash Assistance

As of October 1999

State	Transitional Child Care Guarantee for Some Families*	Time or Income Limitations on Guarantee (whichever comes first):	Transitional Families Prioritized for Assistance? Specified Policy:**
	27 States	Both Time and Income Limits: 13 Time Limit Only: 7 Income Limit Only: 7	15 Yes (2 County Discretion) 8 No 1 Unknown
Alabama	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2313 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As long as family applies within six months of leaving TANF they are prioritized for child care in the state's income eligible program.	
Alaska	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 3694 monthly income for family of three <input type="checkbox"/>	
Arizona	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 1909 monthly income for family of three <input type="checkbox"/>	
Arkansas 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 36 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 1533 monthly income for family of three <input type="checkbox"/>	

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California	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2821 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75% of SMI		
Colorado			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County discretion to set priorities
Connecticut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 3817 monthly income for family of three <input type="checkbox"/>		
Delaware	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 1793 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 155% of FPL		
Dist of Columbia			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Post-TANF families may continue to receive assistance as long as they do not exceed income guidelines.
Florida			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transitional child care is available to post-TANF families under 185% of FPL for a 24 month period based on funding availability; this population is state mandated Priority II, in the same category as income eligible child care.

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Georgia			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Families who become ineligible for TANF due to earnings are notified prior to TANF termination that they may be eligible for uninterrupted child care assistance under another fund source. They have 60 days to apply. If they do not apply they will have to go to the bottom of the child care assistance waiting list if one exists in their locality.
Hawaii	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
Idaho				No priority for former TANF recipients
Illinois			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All families with income below 50% of SMI are eligible regardless of prior TANF status.
Indiana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 1539 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 143% of FPL		

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Iowa				No priority; all families working and below 140% of poverty are eligible for child care assistance regardless of prior TANF status.
Kansas				No priority; all employed persons under 185% of FPL are eligible regardless of prior TANF status.
Kentucky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 85% of SMI		
Louisiana			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State policy gives priority processing to those post-TANF who apply within the prescribed time frame and provide requested verification and information.
Maine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2894 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 85% of SMI		

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Maryland			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Post-TANF families may receive transitional child care for 12 months; funding is adequate at this time to serve all families without a waiting list. After 12 months, families are prioritized for income eligible child care as long as they meet income guidelines.
Massachusetts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
Michigan				No priority for former TANF recipients
Minnesota	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
Mississippi			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transitional child care eligible clients are the second priority population and receive child care based on gross income, hours worked, size of family and availability of funds.

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Missouri				No policy provided
Montana				No priority for former TANF recipients
Nebraska	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2105 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 185% of FPL; must be employed		
Nevada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2675 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 75% of SMI		
New Hampshire			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Post-TANF families are prioritized for child care assistance.
New Jersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 months <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		

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New Mexico	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
New York	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2338 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 202% of FPL		
North Carolina			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County discretion to set priorities
North Dakota			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Post-TANF families are prioritized for child care assistance ahead of low income families at risk of becoming dependent on an assistance program.
Ohio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 150% of FPL		
Oklahoma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 1936 monthly income for family of three <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Oregon			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Post-TANF families may receive child care assistance if they apply.
Pennsylvania	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2718 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 235% of FPL		
Rhode Island			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All families earning less than 225% of FPL are guaranteed child care assistance regardless of prior TANF status.
South Carolina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2024 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 175% of FPL		
South Dakota			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Post-TANF families who lose eligibility due to earnings, hours of employment, or child support may be eligible for transitional child care benefits for the first 12 months. Family income must be less than 185% of FPL.
Tennessee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2027 monthly income for family of three <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 60% of SMI		

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Texas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18 months for exempt parents who volunteer for the JOBS/Choices program and find work	
Utah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 1759 monthly income for family of three <input type="checkbox"/>	
Vermont	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2160 monthly income for family of three <input type="checkbox"/>	
Virginia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Washington			No priority; post-TANF recipients may be eligible for child care as long as net adjustable income remains below 175% of FPL.
West Virginia			No priority for former TANF recipients

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Wisconsin				No priority; all families under 165% of FPL are eligible regardless of prior TANF status.
Wyoming			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Post-TANF recipients who become ineligible due to earnings remain categorically eligible for child care assistance for 6 months, as long as they meet certain eligibility requirements.

Notes:

FPL = Federal Poverty Level; SMI = State Median Income

The data reflect state income guidelines as provided to SPDP as of October 1999; FPL and SMI levels are shown only when provided by the states. One should not assume that states using FPL or SMI guidelines automatically increase the maximum income eligibility limit each year, although FPL and SMI are recalculated on a yearly basis.

*SPDP has additional information on categories of families guaranteed transitional child care - see Findings in Brief.

**In some cases states that indicated a priority for families transitioning from cash assistance provided policy statements that did not indicate a priority, and it is unclear how prioritization is operationalized in those states.

1. Arkansas transitional child care policy provides subsidy without copayment in the first year, with a sliding fee scale applied in the second and third years.