

DCCECE 2021 Federal COVID Relief Package

Funding provided for open, licensed child care providers to assist in costs of meeting the pandemic procedures for safe operations and business operating expenses. **This is one-time funding and available until funding has been utilized.**

Provider Maintenance Payments (Estimated 36

Million): Quarterly payments will start February 2021 until Relief Funding is exhausted. Funding is based on licensed capacity and Better Beginnings quality level.

Provider BB Level	Provider Capacity (children)	Quarterly Maintenance Payment Amount
0	1-25	\$500
0	26-60	\$1,250
0	61-100	\$1,750
0	101+	\$2,500
1	1-25	\$1,000
1	26-60	\$2,500
1	61-100	\$3,500
1	101+	\$5,000
2	1-25	\$1,500
2	26-60	\$3,750
2	61-100	\$5,250
2	101+	\$7,500
3	1-25	\$2,000
3	26-60	\$5,000
3	61-100	\$7,000
3	101+	\$10,000

Supplemental Child Care Voucher Payments (Estimated

40 Million): Supplemental child care voucher payments will continue to be processed through 2021 or when Relief Funding is exhausted. Child Care providers will receive an additional \$10 per infant/toddler, \$7 per preschool, and \$5 school-age/out of school time care for children receiving federal child care assistance.

Provider Deep Cleaning Reimbursement (Estimated 3

Million): Providers will be reimbursed for actual costs to deep clean and sanitize after programs were advised by the Arkansas Health Department that they must close. Reimbursement invoices must be submitted to, DeepCleaning@dhs.arkansas.gov, within one month of services provided. Reimbursement will continue until Relief Funding is exhausted.

Essential Worker Child Care Assistance (Estimated 40

Million): Essential workers will continue (until Relief Funding is exhausted) to be qualified for child care assistance with eligible providers, regardless of income, on a case-by-case basis. Essential workers include but are not limited to emergency responders, health care providers, public health personnel, sanitation workers, child care and early childhood staff, K-12 educators, and individuals involved in the food supply chain during the pandemic. Information on new applications will be placed on our website March 1, 2021.

<https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/divisions-shared-services/child-care-early-childhood-education/important-covid-related-information/>