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St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services	St. Lawrence Child Care Council
Child Care Assistance Day Care Unit 6 Judson Street Canton, NY 13617 (315) 379-2285	Child Care Assistance Legally Exempt Child Care 314 Ford Street Ogdensburg, NY 13669 (315) 393-6474

Income Requirements

Here are the maximum amounts a family can make and still qualify. While this information can be a helpful tool, families should submit an application to the St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services to find out if they qualify. Income is only one factor to qualify for child care assistance in New York State. Other families may also qualify, based on their own specific needs.

Family Size	Federal Poverty Level	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$40,770.00	\$3,397.50
2	\$54,930.00	\$4,577.50
3	\$69,090.00	\$5,757.50
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Who can watch my children?

- That's up to you. It can be a family member, a friend, a licensed or registered child care provider/program. You decide who will watch your children!
- The child care provider can come to your home or you can take your children to the child care provider/program. You decide where the child care will take place!

"We understand child care can be complicated. We can help!"



- Always mail or deliver your completed Child Care Assistance Program Application to the **St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services - Child Care Assistance Day Care Unit** in Canton for review and approval. **Processing may take up to 30 days so start early!**
- You will be notified of the status of your CCAP application by mail. If you are approved, reimbursements may or may not be for the full cost of your child care and you may have a family payment share. This will be explained in your notice of approval. If denied, you are responsible for your child care expenses.
- CCAP reimbursements for child care expenses are issued by the St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services

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If child care is in the providers home, payment will be made directly to the child care provider.

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If child care is in the child's home, payment will be made directly to the parent who is then responsible for paying the child care provider.

What if my child care provider is not licensed or registered?

- If you decide to use someone who is not a licensed or registered child care provider and you are receiving child care assistance, the caregiver you choose must complete a Legally Exempt Child Care Provider Enrollment Application. *Please note - this is different from your child care assistance application.*
- If you or your child care provider have questions or need help filling out the Legally Exempt Child Care Enrollment Form please call or visit the St. Lawrence Child Care Council. We are here to help. Please be sure to ask any questions you may have to avoid errors and/or delays.
- Always mail or deliver your completed **Legally Exempt Child Care Provider Enrollment Application** to the **St. Lawrence Child Care Council** in Ogdensburg for review and approval. **Processing may take up to 40 days so start early!**
- If you do not already have someone in mind to watch your children, the St. Lawrence Child Care Council can provide contact information for licensed or registered child care providers/programs in your area.



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Am I Eligible For Child Care Assistance?



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