CHILD CARE FACT SHEET

For Persons Applying For or Receiving Child Care Services

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES?

You may be eligible for services if you are making your home in Alabama and are employed and/or enrolled in school/training and making no more income than is allowable (see Initial Eligibility Monthly Income Scale).

WHAT IS THE ALLOWABLE INCOME AND HOW MUCH IS THE WEEKLY FEE?

Income is gross income before taxes, social security or any other deductions are made. Regulations allow for no deductions to gross income. Family income includes wages from employment, SSI, SSA, etc. Weekly gross income is multiplied by 4.333 to compute monthly income.

Individuals whose income falls below 100% FPL or those who are in a DHR priority category (Protective Service, Foster Care, Early Head Start – Child Care, TANF – Other Relative, and Special Needs) may have their parent fee waived.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN A FAMILY?

Family means the basic family unit consisting of an adult and his or her spouse (including common law), children under 18 years of age, and minor parents under 18 years of age and their children, related by blood, marriage, or adoption, who are residing in the same household. A member of this basic family unit temporarily out of the home continues to be considered as part of the family.

Considered as separate families are:

- Related persons 18 years of age or over, other than spouses, who live together.
- Unrelated persons 18 years of age or over who live together.
- Children for whom the Department of Human Resources has custody and who are in foster care.
- Individuals under 18 years of age who are married.

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY MONTHLY INCOME SCALE AND PARENTAL FEE CHART

		Weekly Fee Per Child:					
		0-100% FPL	101-110% FPL	111-120% FPL	121-130% FPL	131-140% FPL	141-150% FPL
		$0.00	$18.00	$21.00	$24.00	$27.00	$30.00
Family Size:	2	$0-1763	$1764-1939	$1940-2115	$2116-2291	$2292-2468	$2469-2644
	3	$0-2221	$2222-2443	$2444-2665	$2666-2887	$2888-3109	$3110-3331
	4	$0-2679	$2680-2947	$2948-3215	$3216-3483	$3484-3751	$3752-4019
	5	$0-3138	$3139-3451	$3452-3765	$3766-4079	$4080-4393	$4394-4706
	6	$0-3596	$3597-3955	$3956-4315	$4316-4675	$4676-5034	$5035-5394
	7	$0-4054	$4055-4460	$4461-4865	$4866-5270	$5271-5676	$5677-6081
	>=8	$0-4513	$4514-4964	$4965-5415	$5416-5866	$5867-6318	$6319-6769

Note: All new applicants must enter under the Initial Eligibility Monthly Income Scale.

CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY MONTHLY INCOME SCALE AND PARENTAL FEE CHART

		Weekly Fee Per Child:	
		151-160% FPL	161-170% FPL
		$33.00	$36.00
Family Size:	2	$2645-2820	$2821-2996
	3	$3332-3553	$3554-3775
	4	$4020-4287	$4288-4555
	5	$4707-5020	$5021-5334
	6	$5395-5753	$5754-6113
	7	$6082-6487	$6488-6892
	>=8	$6770-7220	$7221-7671

Note: All continuing applicants must have a family income that does not exceed the $36.00 column in order to be eligible at recertification.

INCOME CUTOFF - ENDS PARTICIPATION PRIOR TO END OF 12 MONTH ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

Family Size:	2	3	4	5	6	7	>=8
	$4754	$5873	$6991	$8110	$9226	$9438	$9648

All child care programs managed by the Child Management Agency are administered in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and all other federal and state civil rights laws.

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