

What is ICCP?

The Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) helps low-income families pay for child care. This program is for parents who work or attend school. It is also for parents who participate in approved short term activities to help prevent children from being placed in Foster care.



Who is eligible?

Children under age 13 from eligible families may be enrolled in the program. The age limit of 13 can be extended to 18 or 19 for children with special needs. This includes children who are not capable of self-care or who are under court supervision.

Eligibility is based on:

- **Income:** To be eligible, a family's income must meet ICCP income limits (see table).
- **Family size:** The amount a family is eligible for also depends on number of people in the family.
- **Activity:** ICCP will cover part of the costs for child care only while parents are working, attending school or attending approved activities. The number of childcare hours ICCP will help pay for is arranged between the parents and the case worker.

Household Size	Monthly Gross Income Limit
2	\$1,540
3	\$1,932
4	\$2,323
5	\$2,715
6	\$3,106
7	\$3,498
8	\$3,889
Each add'l member	+ \$392

What does it pay for?

The Program pays for some child care costs; parents also pay for a portion. The portion that parents pay is called the "co-payment." The parent's share is based on the size of the family, the amount of their income, and the market rate for the approved child care. Market rate varies according to age of child, type of care, and location of care.

ICCP does not pay for the following:

- **Late Charges:** ICCP will not pay fees charged to families who do not pick up their children on time, or to families who do not pay their provider on time.
- **Termination Notices:** ICCP will not pay fees charged to families when they decide not to continue to use a provider and do not notify the provider according to the provider's policies on termination.

How much does it pay?

The amount of assistance a family receives from this program is based on the amount of hours the parents are working, in school or participating in approved activities. It also is based on income and the cost of child care. Payments are sent directly to the child care provider for the amount for which the family qualifies.

Parents must pay the provider for all of the costs not covered by the program. The program can only pay up to a certain amount for the cost of child care. This amount is different depending on the age of the child and the location and type of provider selected. If a provider charges more than the ICCP limit, parents will have to pay the difference. Parents are responsible for any amount over the maximum and for the amount of the co-payment. Most parents will have to pay for a portion of their child care costs.

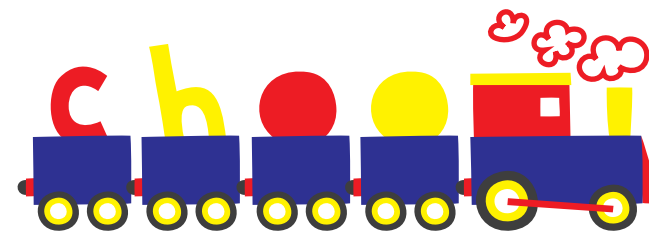
When will payments be made?

ICCP payments will be made the first week of the month following the month the care was provided. For example, the payment for April child care services will be made in the first week of May.

Will I receive notices?

Parents receive a notice at the beginning of the month with the following information:

- Month the payment is being made for.
- Number of people in the household.
- Family's income ICCP used to set the co-payment amount.
- Name of the child care provider.
- List of each child being cared for and the amount the provider is charging for each child.
- Amount of the total cost that ICCP will pay.
- Amount the family will have to pay (the difference between the amount charged and ICCP's payment).



What are my rights and responsibilities?

As a parent, you have the right to:

- Select who will care for your children;
- Determine how many hours to have your children in child care;
- See your children at any time while they are in child care; and
- Talk with the people taking care of your children during regular business hours.

You are responsible to:

- Report any changes that would affect the amount of your ICCP payment; and
- Provide accurate information about changes that would affect your eligibility for this program.

What must I report?

The case worker must know certain information from both the parents and the provider to make a correct child care payment. Parents must report the following changes to their case worker within 10 days of when they know about the changes:

- A permanent change in income (including hours and rate of pay) for anyone in the family;
- The permanent change in the number of hours parents are in the activities that make them eligible for ICCP;
- Changes in who is living in the home;
- A change in address for the family or their provider;
- When their child stops attending child care or is taken to a different provider; and
- When the rate they are charged for child care changes.

Failure to report changes may result in an overpayment or fraud.

How Do I Report?

Phone (toll free): 1-877-456-1233

Phone (local): (208) 334-6700

Email: ICCPUnit@dhw.idaho.gov

Fax: 1-866-434-8278

Overpayments

If more money is paid to a provider than a family is eligible to receive because the parents did not report a change, the parents must repay the Department of Health and Welfare. That is why it is so important to report changes as soon as you are aware of them. If providers receive more money than they are entitled to because they failed to report a change, they must return it to the Department of Health and Welfare. The following situations may cause the overpayment:

- Failing to report a change in costs of care;
- Not caring for the child; or
- Misrepresenting their charges.

Penalties for misusing ICCP

Fraud occurs when a parent or a provider purposely misrepresents information in order to get payments they are not entitled to receive. When a parent or a provider commits fraud, they must pay back any payment they received. People who commit fraud will not be allowed to participate in ICCP for the following periods of time:

- 12 months the first time;
- 24 months the second time; and
- Permanently disqualified for a third time.

The Department of Health and Welfare also may seek additional civil penalties through the court system.

Your privacy

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or
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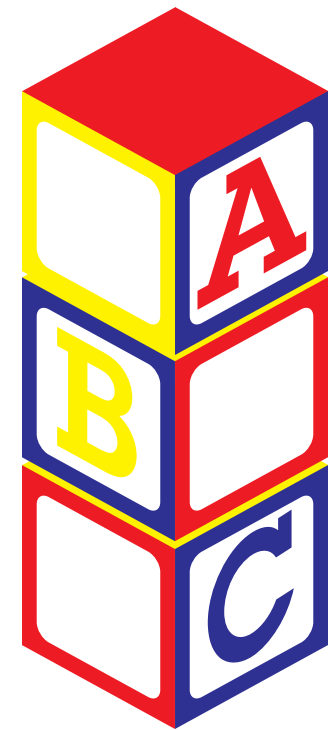
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