



## New Standards for Providers in Maryland and Virginia

As a child care provider, you can help serve military families and grow your business - by taking advantage of opportunities offered by Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS, or MCCYN-PLUS.

- **Current provider?** You'll need to re-enroll and make sure you meet new eligibility requirements.
- **New to this program?** It's a great time to get started.



## Grow Your Business and Help Serve Military Families



### Important Information and Links

Help our military families – and learn more about qualifying for the MCCYN-PLUS program. To get started:

- In Maryland: Go to Maryland EXCELS: [www.marylandexcels.org](http://www.marylandexcels.org)
- In Virginia: Go to Virginia Quality: [www.virginiaquality.com](http://www.virginiaquality.com)
- More states will participate as the new initiative expands.
- Learn more about assistance at: <https://www.childcareaware.org>

Learn more about the Quality Rating and Improvement System: <https://qrisguide.acf.hhs.gov>

## MILITARY ONE SOURCE

Military OneSource is your 24/7 connection to information, parenting tips, and support - your one source for your best MilLife.

[www.MilitaryOneSource.mil](http://www.MilitaryOneSource.mil) | 800-342-9647



Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood for Providers in Maryland and Virginia

# Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood

Our military families want more safe, healthy environments for their children – so they can continue to serve our country. The Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood, or MCCYN, program provides fee assistance to reduce the out of pocket expense of community child care for eligible military families when on-base options are unavailable.

More than 10,000 licensed and accredited child care providers and programs currently participate in the MCCYN fee assistance program through Child Care Aware® of America.

## Introducing MCCYN-PLUS

MCCYN has expanded to MCCYN-PLUS starting in Maryland and Virginia. The expansion extends eligibility requirements to licensed providers and programs participating in the state's Quality Rating Improvement System, or QRIS, known as Maryland EXCELS and Virginia Quality. Both QRIS programs focus on continuous quality improvement to provide quality child care options.



## Are You Currently an MCCYN Provider in Maryland and Virginia?

There are new eligibility requirements for programs currently receiving fee assistance. Your program will need to:

- Enroll in your state's QRIS program.
- Provide evidence of an initial quality level within twelve months from the date you're notified of the change in requirements.
- Achieve a quality level of three within two years following the initial awarded quality level.
- Advance to a quality level of four within two years following the awarded quality level of three.
- Advance to the next highest quality level or accreditation within two years.

## New to the Child Care Fee Assistance Program?

New provider applicants in Maryland and Virginia need to:

- Provide evidence of enrollment in your state's QRIS with a minimum quality rating level of three.
- Advance to a quality level of four within two years following the awarded quality level of three.
- Advance to the next highest quality level or accreditation within two years.

QRIS programs also offer providers benefits like technical assistance, which includes support from subject matter experts and financial incentives for professional development, maintaining accreditation and background check processing.

Learn about qualifying for the MCCYN program in Maryland and Virginia.  
Start today at <https://www.childcareaware.org>.