



New Standards for Community Child Care Providers

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 recertify and make sure you meet the eligibility requirements. **
- **New to this program?** It's a great time to get started.

** Note: If you are a current provider whose accrediting agency is accepted by your state's QRIS, no action is necessary. You are approved for participation in MCCYN-PLUS.

Important Information and Links

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

- Go to the QRIS Resource Guide at: <https://ecquality.acf.hhs.gov>.
- More states are participating as this initiative expands.
- Learn more about assistance at: <https://www.childcareaware.org>.

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

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Grow Your Business and Help Serve Military Families



How Providers Can Participate
in the Military Child Care
in Your Neighborhood Program

Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood

Accessing affordable quality care is essential to children's well-being and parents' peace of mind. Our military families are looking for 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. Our military families are getting younger. More than 400,000 children of all active-duty service members are age 5 and under, and over half that number are age 2 and under. Here's an opportunity to grow your business while serving our nation's military parents.

Introducing MCCYN-PLUS

MCCYN is expanding to include community child care providers enrolled and advancing in their state's Quality Rating and Improvement System,



or QRIS. The expansion extends eligibility requirements to licensed providers and programs participating in the state's QRIS, on continuous quality improvement to provide quality child care options.

Are you currently an MCCYN provider?

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 providers can take these easy steps to apply now:

- 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. Start today at <https://www.childcareaware.org>.