



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?** If you are currently receiving fee assistance on behalf of a military family, no action is necessary. You are approved for participation in MCCYN-PLUS.
- **New to this program?** It's a great time to get started.

Important Information and Links

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

- Learn about becoming a provider at: <https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/feeassistancerespiteproviders/gris-mccyn-plus/>.
- Additional states continue to join the initiative.

Learn more about state quality rating and improvement systems:
<https://ecquality.acf.hhs.gov>

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Grow Your Business and Help Serve Military Families



How New York Providers Can Participate in Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood-PLUS, or MCCYN-PLUS

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. Our military families are getting younger. Of the more than 950,000 children of all active-duty service members, 41% are age 5 and under. Programs approved for MCCYN-PLUS fee assistance benefit by expanding their child care businesses to a military family customer base and offer more available options for quality child care. Here's an opportunity to increase your income and grow your business while serving our nation's military parents.



Introducing MCCYN-PLUS in New York

MCCYN is rapidly expanding to extend eligibility to licensed providers demonstrating continuous improvement to provide quality child care options.

Through a comprehensive review of state licensing regulations and quality improvement standards, the Defense Department found alignment between New York's stringent licensing practices, regularly scheduled inspections, and embedded supports from the local child care resource and referral agencies for coaching and training to be very similar to the military child care model for quality. Beginning fall 2023, New York will be the first state approved to qualify state-licensed community providers for participation in the military fee assistance program through MCCYN-PLUS.

MCCYN or MCCYN-PLUS providers approved by Child Care Aware® of America will be eligible to receive fee assistance on behalf of military families when child care services are provided.

Are you currently an MCCYN provider?

If you are a current MCCYN-approved provider already serving military families, the transition will be a smooth, uninterrupted process. Your status will automatically

change to a MCCYN-PLUS-approved provider eligible to serve other military families needing child care services. Your business name will become searchable on the DOD request-for-child-care website, [MilitaryChildCare.com](https://militarychildcare.com), when military families become eligible for military fee assistance.

MCCYN-PLUS Now Available in New York

Providers must be:

- State licensed, or
- State licensed and enrolled in QUALITYstarsNY, <https://qualitystarsny.org>, or
- State licensed with a DOD-approved national accreditation.

By joining QUALITYstarsNY, child care providers receive financial incentives toward professional development training, educational advancement and personalized coaching, as well as other supports to help improve and sustain high quality care for all military and civilian children across the state of New York. There is no cost to participate and access QUALITYstarsNY's resources and support. Regulated child care programs in all settings can join.

Learn about qualifying for the MCCYN-PLUS program. Start today at <https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistance/respites/feeassistanceproviders/qr-mccyn-plus/>.