

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.



What does it pay for?

The Program pays for a portion of child care costs for qualified children enrolled in a participating ICCP provider. Parents also pay for a portion. ICCP does not pay for the following:

- **Late Charges:** ICCP will not pay late fees for not picking up children on time, or not paying provider on time.
- **Termination Notices:** ICCP will not pay termination fees charged for failing to follow provider termination policies.
- **Activity:** ICCP will cover part of the costs for child care only while parents are working, going to school, or attending approved activities. The number of childcare hours ICCP will help pay for is arranged between the parents and the case worker.

When will payments be made?

ICCP payments are sent directly to the child care provider and 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.

How much does it pay?

The Program only pays a portion of the child care costs. The amount ICCP pays is based on:

- The number of hours the parents are working, going to school, or participating in approved activities,
- Household income, and
- An established market rate, which vary according to age of child, type of care, and location of care.

Parents pay a portion of the child care costs, called a "co-pay." The co-pay is paid to the provider for all costs not covered by ICCP.

If a provider charges more than the market rate, parents must pay the difference, as well as their co-pay. Most parents will have to pay for a portion of their child care costs.

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 and family size. A family's income must meet ICCP income limits based on the family size (see table below).

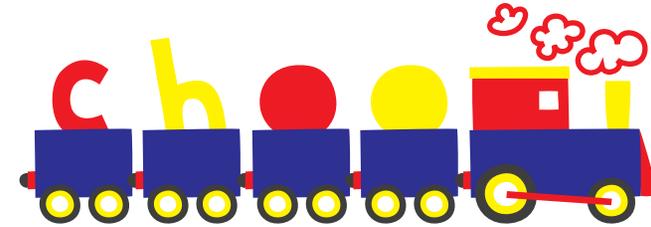
| Household Size | Monthly Gross Income* | Household Size | Monthly Gross Income* |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 2 | \$1,540 | 6 | \$3,106 |
| 3 | \$1,932 | 7 | \$3,498 |
| 4 | \$2,323 | 8 | \$3,889 |
| 5 | \$2,715 | Add'l | + \$392 |

* Income limits based on 135% of poverty guidelines

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.
- Amount of the total cost that ICCP will pay.
- Amount of the family's co-pay.



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 by the 10th day of the next month after the change occurred:

- Change in activity hours from part-time to full-time;
- Change in activity hours from full-time to part-time;
- When activity hours change to zero;
- Change in address;
- Change in household composition;
- Change in child care provider or stopping child care services; and
- When gross income exceeds the income limit for your household size (see www.benefitprograms.dhw.idaho.gov for income limits).

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

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.

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