



*Connecticut Department of Social Services
Information Brief*

Care 4 Kids Program

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- Connecticut's Care 4 Kids child care assistance program continues to be open for services to eligible working families. In addition, the program has raised the income limit to allow more working families to qualify.
- **The program will NOT close to working families as of December 31, 2009, as previously announced. It will remain open to working families until at least February 28, 2010, pending budget availability.**

The Care 4 Kids program helps families pay their child care costs to help parents stay employed. It also helps families on Temporary Family Assistance who are working or learning skills to obtain employment.

- ***The Care 4 Kids program is:***
 - **accepting new applications from working families with annual earnings up to 75% of the state median income level** (for example, \$73,281 for a family of four). This income level is higher than the traditional eligibility ceiling of 50% of state median income to apply.
 - **allowing currently-served families to remain eligible until their earnings reach 75% of the state median income level.**
- **For information about submitting applications or general information about Care4Kids**, please visit www.ctcare4kids.com or call **1-888-214-KIDS (5437)** Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.