



## Do you need child care assistance to maintain employment or pursue post-secondary education?

You may be eligible for Smart Steps Child Care Payment Assistance if you meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be employed no less than 30 hours per week, or be enrolled and attending a post-secondary education program full time or a combination of employment and post-secondary education
- Must have a child between ages six (6) weeks through five (5) years old
- Assistance may be available for eligible children who do not have access to Pre-K in their county or who are on a waiting list. The child may not remain in the Smart Steps child care payment assistance program once he or she becomes eligible for Kindergarten or is selected to attend Pre-K from a waiting list

*Eligibility for assistance is based on program requirements and availability of funding.*

### Household Income Limits for Smart Steps

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
2	\$3182
3	\$3931
4	\$4679
5	\$5428
6	\$6177
7	\$6317
8	\$6457

The Smart Steps Application can be found online at:

<http://tn.gov/humanservices/topic/child-care-services>

Once complete, turn the application in to the nearest Tennessee Department of Human Services Child Care Office, found online at:

<http://tn.gov/humanservices/article/child-care-certificate-program-office-locator>

Find a child care center near you at:

<http://www.tn.gov/humanservices/topic/child-care-services>



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