



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 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 and are accredited by a DOW-approved national or state accrediting agency, 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:

- Learn more about the expansion of MCCYN-PLUS at: <https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespice/feeassistancerespiceproviders/gris-mccyn-plus/>.
- More states are participating as this initiative expands.

Learn more about quality practices for child care: <https://www.childcareaware.org/quality-practices-for-early-care-and-education/>

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Grow Your Business and Help Serve Military Families



How 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

MCCYN is rapidly expanding to extend eligibility to licensed providers and programs participating in their state's quality rating and improvement system, demonstrating continuous improvement to provide quality child care options.

Are you currently an MCCYN provider?

There are new eligibility requirements for providers currently receiving War Department fee assistance. Your program will need to:

- Provide evidence of enrollment in your state's quality improvement program within 18 months from the date the program is notified of the change in requirements.
- Provide evidence of a DOW-approved state quality rating, level or tier as awarded by the quality improvement program.
- Advance to the next highest rating, level or tier or until accreditation is achieved in accordance with state guidelines.

New Providers Can Take These Easy Steps to Apply Now

- Provide evidence of DOW-approved accreditation, if applicable, *or*
- Provide evidence of participation in your state's quality improvement program with a DOW-approved state rating, level or tier.
- Advance to the next highest quality rating, level or tier or until accreditation is achieved in accordance with state guidelines.

Community-based providers must continue to meet other MCCYN eligibility requirements for fee assistance as prescribed by the military branches policy.

By participating in your state's quality rating and improvement system, providers can take advantage of state financial incentives that may be available such as technical assistance, which provides customized support from subject matter experts, and/or financial incentives for professional development training, national accreditation costs and background check processing.

Learn about qualifying for the MCCYN-PLUS program. Start today at <https://www.childcareaware.org/fee-assistancerespite/feeassistancerespiteproviders/qris-mccyn-plus/>.