

W O M E N ' S



C A R I N G P R O G R A M

*A legacy of caring, child by child*



## *Our Mission*

*Serve as leaders for supporting children and families on the road to independence through early childhood development*



# What is ChildCare Commitment?

ChildCare Commitment provides financial support for licensed early care and education expenses for children from low-income families.



# Eligibility Guidelines



***Mariah, 2 years old***

- Children between birth to five years old (not enrolled in kindergarten) and living with the parent/guardian
- Parent/guardian working full-time, full-time student, or combination
- Parent/guardian is ineligible for other early care and education assistance (such as DHS)



# Eligibility Guidelines (cont'd)

- Licensed provider
- Family Income Requirements

Family Size	Gross Annual Household Income
2	\$19,296 - \$31,096
3	\$23,892 - \$36,064
4	\$28,416 - \$41,032
5	\$32,964 - \$46,000
6	\$37,488 - \$50,968
7	\$42,012 - \$55,936



# Duration of Award

- One-time award per family
- Awards for a period of one year



***Cadence, 5, with her mother Cara***



# Award Amount

- 40% of the annual cost for early care and education for one child
- Maximum amount of \$2,688 in 2011 (\$224 per month for 12 months)
- Maximum amount based on 40% of the average cost of childcare in Michigan.

*In 2010, the average cost of childcare in Michigan was \$6,720.*



# Payment Process

- Payments issued directly to licensed providers
- Payments paid monthly in arrears of service
- Parent and provider sign and submit one invoice each month
- Parent responsible for balance of tuition



# Approval Process

- Applications accepted year-round.
- Applications reviewed first-come, first-serve.
- Awards distributed in priority counties until funds dispersed.
- Unfunded eligible applicants placed on waiting list until additional funds become available.



# Contact Information



Applications available at  
[www.WomensCaringProgram.org](http://www.WomensCaringProgram.org)

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