

# YOU MAKE THE CHOICE!

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

There are four basic areas to determine your eligibility for the program.

They are:

### (1) Size of household

A family may be residing in a household that includes other people. Only the biological parents and the children are counted for the program.

### (2) Need for care

You may receive child care assistance for one or more of the following reasons:

- Employment (full or part time)
- Post Secondary Education
- Job Training Program
- High School or GED
- Your child has developmental delays
- Your child needs care to support child welfare services or child protective services

### (3) Income

Your gross family income (per item 1) must be within the income guidelines that are established by legislation. See chart on back for age and income guidelines.

### (4) Citizenship

Applicants must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A legal U.S. non-citizen
- The child is a U.S. citizen

## WHAT ARE MY CHOICES FOR CHOOSING A PROVIDER?

If you are eligible for daycare services, **the choice is yours.** Your child could receive care in any of the following:

- A licensed center,
- A licensed home,
- Approved non-licensed home (home of friend or family member)
- Approved religious sponsored programs
- Your own home

In all situations, the provider must be operating legally.

## WHO CAN HELP ME DECIDE?

The day care office can give you information about the types of care available in your community. You may also want to talk with friends, relatives and co-workers or visit several day care providers before making your choice. Additional assistance is available from the Child Care Resource and Referral Coordinator at the Alexander County Partnership for Children office (Smart Start). **You always make the decision** about who will take care of your children.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The day care office will explain exactly how it works in our county. It may be slightly different from county to county.

In all cases you will be given a form, the Child Care Voucher, to take to the provider of your choice. You will need to know who **you** want to provide day care for your child before the day care office gives you the form.

## HOW MUCH WILL I HAVE TO PAY?

Most families are required to pay a percentage of the child care fee based upon their countable monthly income and size of the family. (See chart on reverse side for percentages). The fee is based upon the income, not the number of children needing care, so a family will only pay one fee whether child care is needed for one child or more than one child.

Parents could also be responsible to pay enrollment fees or other charges that are not covered by the day care assistance program.

## WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

The daycare office can answer your questions. You can call the phone number listed below to speak with a member of the daycare office staff.

### **Alexander County DSS Day Care**

Phone Number: **828-632-1080**

Kay Hamby, Daycare Coordinator – Ext. 345

Patti Barr, Daycare Coordinator – Ext. 344

### **Other Resources:**

Alexander County Partnership For Children -  
828-632-3799

*A public file is maintained in the Division of Child Development main office in Raleigh for every center or family child care home. These files can be*

- Viewed during work hours;
- Requested via the Division's web site at [www.ncchildcare.net](http://www.ncchildcare.net); or
- Requested by contacting the Division at 1-800-859-0829

MAXIMUM GROSS MONTHLY INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS		
Family Size	Gross Monthly Income Limits	% of income parent is responsible to pay
	SCC Income Guidelines	
1	\$1,933	10%
2	2,528	10%
3	3,123	10%
4	3,718	9%
5	4,312	9%
6	4,907	8%
7	5,019	8%
8	5,130	8%
9	5,242	8%
10	5,353	8%
11	5,465	8%
12	5,576	8%

- ❖ Income limits are based upon responsible adults living in the household.
- ❖ The amount of the day care cost that the family is responsible to pay is based on the family's income, not the number of children needing care, so a family will only pay one fee whether child care is needed for one child or more than one child.
- ❖ If Alexander County does not have funding for eligible families, a waiting list is established until funding becomes available.

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# SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE PROGRAM

ALEXANDER COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL SERVICES

828-632-1080



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