Tennessee Department of Human Services

Child Care Certificate Program Provider Reimbursement Rates Including Star-Quality Bonus Payments

Effective October 1, 2021

Child Care Centers		State Rate			One Star			Two Stars			Three Stars	
		Top Tier	Lower Tier		Top Tier	Lower Tier		Top Tier	Lower Tier		Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos		$196.00	$141.00		$206.00	$148.00		$225.00	$162.00		$235.00	$169.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos		$171.00	$127.00		$180.00	$133.00		$197.00	$146.00		$205.00	$152.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten		$133.00	$105.00		$140.00	$110.00		$153.00	$121.00		$160.00	$126.00
School In		$66.00	$59.00		$69.00	$62.00		$76.00	$68.00		$79.00	$71.00
School Out		$99.00	$86.00		$104.00	$90.00		$114.00	$99.00		$119.00	$103.00

Group Homes		State Rate			One Star			Two Stars			Three Stars	
		Top Tier	Lower Tier		Top Tier	Lower Tier		Top Tier	Lower Tier		Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos		$171.00	$119.00		$180.00	$125.00		$197.00	$137.00		$205.00	$143.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos		$149.00	$111.00		$156.00	$117.00		$171.00	$128.00		$179.00	$133.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten		$121.00	$99.00		$127.00	$104.00		$139.00	$114.00		$145.00	$119.00
School In		$70.00	$59.00		$74.00	$62.00		$81.00	$68.00		$84.00	$71.00
School Out		$99.00	$83.00		$104.00	$87.00		$114.00	$95.00		$119.00	$100.00

Family Homes		State Rate			One Star			Two Stars			Three Stars	
		Top Tier	Lower Tier		Top Tier	Lower Tier		Top Tier	Lower Tier		Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos		$149.00	$111.00		$156.00	$117.00		$171.00	$128.00		$179.00	$133.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos		$141.00	$105.00		$148.00	$110.00		$162.00	$121.00		$169.00	$126.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten		$120.00	$99.00		$126.00	$104.00		$138.00	$114.00		$144.00	$119.00
School In		$83.00	$66.00		$87.00	$69.00		$96.00	$76.00		$100.00	$79.00
School Out		$99.00	$94.00		$104.00	$99.00		$114.00	$108.00		$119.00	$113.00

Authorized		State Rate	
		Top Tier	Lower Tier
Infant (Full-time) (a) 6 wks to 13 mos		$105.00	$79.00
Toddler (Full-time) (a) 13 mos to 31 mos		$99.00	$73.00
Preschool (Full-time) (a) 31 mos to Kindergarten		$79.00	$65.00
School In		$46.00	$46.00
School Out		$70.00	$61.00

(a) Part-time for Infant, Toddler, and Preschool is one-half the full-time rate (rounded up)

*   = One Star Rates equal the State rate plus a 5% quality bonus payment for Licensed providers

** = Two Star Rates equal the state rate plus a 15% quality bonus payment for Licensed providers

*** = Three Star Rates equal the State rate plus a 20% quality bonus payment for Licensed providers

Note: "Top Tier Counties" are those with the 20 highest average populations in 2018 and/or 20 highest per capita incomes 2016-2028. The following counties meet one of those criteria:

Anderson, Blount, Bradley, Cheatham, Davidson, Decatur, Fayette, Greene, Hamilton, Henry, Knox, Loudon, Madison, Maury, Montgomery, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Sevier, Shelby, Sullivan, Sumner, Washington, Williamson, Wilson

Note: Beginning July 1, 2019 the State will add a 15% bonus to counties identified as either distressed or child care deserts: • Child Care Desert Counties: Shelby, Montgomery, Sumner, Robertson, Davidson, Warren, Sevier, Greene, Hawkins, Jefferson, Cumberland, Bradley, Rhea, White, Macon, Madison, Hardin, Chester, Lawrence, Marshall, and Rutherford.

• Eligible Distressed Counties as of October 1, 2021: Lake, Lauderdale, Hardeman, Perry, Wayne, Clay, Grundy, Bledsoe, Scott, Hancock, and Cocke

Note: Beginning July 1, 2019 a 15% bonus above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for children receiving care in non-traditional hours. (The majority of the child's care is offered between the hours of 6:00pm and 6:00am.)

Note: Beginning October 1, 2021 a 15% bonus above the current reimbursement rates will be provided for children receiving care and have been identified with disabilities and special needs.