



## 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
- Household gross income must be below the 85th percentile of the State Median Income (SMI) for Tennessee. Please refer to the chart for Household Income Limits below.

*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	\$3,228
3	\$3,988
4	\$4,805
5	\$5,574
6	\$6,343
7	\$6,487
8	\$6,631

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:  
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