



**DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES**

February 27, 2026

Dear Dutchess County Families and Child Care Providers,

With the Governor's announcement that supplemental funding will be provided for the CCAP program, Dutchess County is pleased to be able to re-open the enrollment process for childcare assistance. **Dutchess County will begin accepting new applications effective March 1, 2026.**

CCAP may be available for families who need childcare to work, look for work, attend employment training, attend an education program, and/or meet income requirements. Families **must** meet certain eligibility requirements to qualify for childcare at low or no cost through the Child Care Assistance Program, including but not limited to:

- Dutchess County resident.
- Gross household income (all sources: income from employment, child support, Social Security benefits, etc.) is under 85% of the State Median Income for their household size.
- All legally responsible adults in the household must be employed or engaged in one of the other qualifying activities in the Dutchess County Child Care Plan.
- If employed, working at least 10 hours per week and earning at least the NYS minimum wage.

Please note that this enrollment re-opening is **not** related to the pilot universal daycare program for children 0-3 for which Dutchess County was selected to be part of. More information will be made available, as the selected counties and the State work out the details of the pilot program.

The Department of Community and Family Services remains committed to supporting childcare providers and helping families who need childcare to seek or maintain employment and or attain their educational goal.

If you have questions, please contact us at [DCFSinfo@dutchessny.gov](mailto:DCFSinfo@dutchessny.gov) or call (845) 486- 3000.

Sincerely,

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