
Care 4 Kids Program



Program Operations TRANSMITTAL

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Subject: **PG2 and PG3 Closure for New Applications**

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Program Issue: Effective December 31, 2016, the Care 4 Kids Program will be closed to new applications for low-income working parents who are former recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) within 5 years (PG2), and teen parents ages 18 and 19 who attend high school or equivalent (PG3). These families who are program eligible will be placed on a wait list.

Background: The Federal Government has made many changes to the child care subsidy program, which impact Connecticut's Care 4 Kids Program. These new Federal requirements have increased the costs to provide subsidy through the Care 4 Kids Program. Under the regulations, the agency must accept applications and authorize payments based on the applicable order of priorities only *within available funding*. Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 17b-749-08 (a).

Implementation: In order to ensure that the Care 4 Kids Program continues to exist "within available funding" the following changes shall occur to the Care 4 Kids program effective December 31, 2016.

- The Care 4 Kids Program will be closed to new applications for low-income working parents, who are former recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) within 5 years (PG2), and teen parents ages 18 and 19 who attend high school or equivalent (PG3).
- **All families** currently enrolled in the Care 4 Kids Program who meet the current eligibility requirements will remain eligible at **redetermination**.
- Families who are receiving TANF (PG1) and meet the eligibility requirements will remain eligible for the program at **both initial application and redetermination**

Questions concerning this transmittal can be referred to the Office of Early Childhood at 860-713-6422.

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