

Need Help Paying for Child Care?

Employment/ Related Day Care Fund (ERDC)

Federal and State child care funds are available to low-income, working families from Department of Human Services (DHS). Please contact Child Care Resource & Referral in Washington & Columbia Counties, a program of Community Action at 971.223.6100 or 1.800.624.9516 for more information on this subsidy program.

Child Dependent Care Tax Credits

You may be able to deduct part of your child care expenses from federal & state taxes. File federal and state tax returns to receive these benefits. For more information contact the Internal Revenue Service at <http://www.irs.gov/Credits-&-Deductions> and 503.326.5441 or contact the Oregon Department of Revenue at <http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/Pages/index.aspx> and 1.800.356.4222.

Earned Income Tax Credits

Low-income working families may be eligible for these benefits, even if taxes are not owed. File federal and state income tax returns to apply. For more information contact the Internal Revenue Service at <http://www.irs.gov/Credits-&-Deductions> and 503.326.5441 or contact the Oregon Department of Revenue at <http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/Pages/index.aspx> and 1.800.356.4222.

Employer-Supported Benefits

Federal and state tax incentives exist for employers who offer child care subsidies, on-site child care or dependent care assistance plans (pre-tax dollars set aside for child care).

Co-Operative Preschools

Some preschools offer lower cost to parents who participate in program activities.

Sliding Fee Schedules/Scholarships

Depending on income, families may be eligible for lower fees based on sliding fee scales or multiple children. Families may also be eligible to apply for scholarships.

Head Start or Other Government funded programs

Families may be eligible for free or reduced cost programs that receive federal or state funds. To find your local head start program in Washington County, contact Community Action at 503.648.6646.

For Additional Information

If you need additional information on these programs or which programs may offer payment assistance, please contact Child Care Resource & Referral in Washington & Columbia Counties, a program of Community Action at 971.223.6100 or 1.800.624.9516.