# Child Care Facilitated Enrollment Project
## *"Helping Working Families Afford Quality Care"*

**Funded by:** New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)
**Developed by:** The New York Union Child Care Coalition, A Committee of the NYC Central Labor Council
**Administered by:** The Consortium for Worker Education (CWE) in coordination with the NYC Administration for Children's Services (ACS)

## FACT SHEET

The New York Union Child Care Coalition has developed a pilot project for working parents to increase access to child care subsidies and quality care in New York City for children up to 13 years of age within qualifying incomes (e.g. under $108,636 for a family of four).

### THE GOALS OF THIS PROJECT ARE TO:

- Improve working families' access to child care assistance by exploring ways to make it easier for families to apply, e.g. simplifying the application, offering evening enrollment hours and allowing applications to be emailed, faxed, or mailed.

- Expand access for subsidized care to moderate-income families (see chart below) particularly those families who are generally less likely to receive child care assistance in comparison to lower-income families.

- Help parents to afford licensed, quality childcare and after school programs.

- **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

| Family Size | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| Family Income | $73,872 | $91,248 | $108,636 | $126,012 | $143,388 |

- **NYC Residents**: Families must reside within one of the five boroughs.

- **Working Families:** Each parent residing within an eligible household must work at least 10 hours per week.

- **Families with Qualifying Gross Incomes:** Families must fall within income guidelines that differ by their family size. Family unit size is based upon the number of children under 18 years of age and their parent(s) residing within an eligible household. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and siblings over 18 years of age cannot be used in the calculation of family units.

**SAMPLE SCENARIOS OF HOW THIS PROJECT CAN HELP WORKING FAMILIES:**

- ■ Please note that the following figures are approximations and estimates. Calculations for child care subsidies are based upon each applicant's family size and income and as a result vary for each family.

| Size of Family Unit (Includes Parents and Children Residing within a Household) | 2 | 4 |
|---|---|---|
| Gross Monthly Income | $5,624 | $8,271 |
| Weekly Child Care Costs Before Subsidy | $180 | $300 |
| Weekly Child Care Costs After Subsidy(Parent Co-Payment) | $9 | $14 |
| Total Annual Savings | $8,892 | $14,872 |

## WHAT DOES AN ELIGIBLE FAMILY NEED TO DO TO APPLY?

- ● Applicants must be determined eligible to apply for this project.  If a family is found eligible, they can receive <u>applications</u> at child care events, work-site enrollment events, at the program office, via mail and e-mail.

- ● Applicants can submit their application materials by mail, fax, e-mail and also can make conveniently scheduled appointments in the evenings.  Families can receive help completing the application from program staff over the telephone or in-person.

- ● In addition to an application, applicants must submit the following documentation:
  (1)**Proof of Income:**  Copies of their most recent pay-stubs (*1 months worth if their gross remains the same/ 3 months worth if it varies*)
  (2) **Verification of Birth:**  Copies of either birth certificate(s) or baptismal certificate(s) for each child under 18 years
  (3) **Proof of Address:**  A copy of a utility bill, lease agreement, etc.

- ● Applicants can select any child care, after school or informal care provider that they choose, as long as their designated provider is willing to accept payment for the child care subsidy through the ACS voucher system.

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*__For more information about the Child Care Facilitated Enrollment Project Contact :__*

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**To start your pre-screening process visit: bit.ly/prescreenfe**

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**For help finding and choosing quality child care near where you live or work contact:**

| NYC Child Care Resource & Referral Consortium | UFT Provider's Department |
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| 888-469-5999 Monday-Friday between 9:00AM-5:00PM | 212-598-9288 |

**To set-up an outreach event at your worksite or in your community contact: (212) 558-2276 // Jocelyn Mazurkiewicz**