



Incentive Awards: Child Care Programs FAQs

What are the available incentive awards?

There are several categories of funding and a child care program may be available for multiple types of incentive awards.

Publicly Funded Child Care Incentives

- Programs that enter into a new PFCC agreement are eligible for a one-time payment of \$1,000.
- Programs that maintain a PFCC agreement are eligible for two payments of \$1,000.

Step Up To Quality Incentives

- Centers that enter into SUTQ are eligible for a one-time payment of \$2,500. FCCs that enter into SUTQ are eligible for a one-time payment of \$1,000.
- Centers that remain SUTQ rated are eligible for a one-time payment of \$2,500. FCCs that remain SUTQ rated are eligible for a one-time payment of \$1,000
- Centers that earn a 3-, 4-, or 5-star SUTQ rating during 2022 are eligible for a one-time payment of \$10,000. FCCs that earn a 3-, 4-, or 5-star SUTQ rating during 2022 are eligible for a one-time payment of \$5,000.

Nontraditional Hours Incentive

- Programs that offer care during nontraditional hours (6pm – 6am or weekends) are eligible for a \$1,250 payment offered four times a year.

Am I eligible for an incentive award?

Licensed child care programs located in Franklin County that meet the requirements of the individual incentive awards are eligible.

Can I receive multiple incentive awards?

Absolutely. The incentives are not all mutually exclusive. For example, you can be eligible for the Continuing SUTQ and the Highly Rated SUTQ incentive.



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When will this program be released?

The first quarter application for Nontraditional Hours Care is OPEN NOW. Following quarters will open as soon as the quarter is over (pending weekends and holidays)

- January – March: Open Now. Closes June 30.
- April – June: Opens July 1. Closes September 30.
- July – September: Opens October 3. Closes January 3.
- October – December: Opens January 3, 2023. Closes March 1, 2023.

Additional incentive applications are emailed to the email on file with ODJFS monthly.

Where will I be able to find information?

The same program page where you accessed information on the Signing Bonus and Scholarships Programs will be updated to include information on the Incentive Awards.

What information is needed to apply for an incentive?

To apply, providers will need:

1. Functioning email
2. Program License Number
3. Open Job Title
4. Open Job Description
5. EIN or Social Security Number
6. Account & Routing Numbers for Direct Deposit
7. For Nontraditional Hours you must provide proof of care during the eligible months. This can be attendance sheets used for CACFP, sign-in and out sheets that includes dates, etc.

How long until they receive approval notification?

We are estimating this will take 3 – 5 business days, but hope the process will move faster.

How long until they receive payment?

Payments are processed the third week of each month. Processing will take the full week, and then timing will depend on your bank for direct deposit, or the postal service for paper check delivery. Past payments have taken the week following processing to arrive.



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