

NTA (Non-Temporary Assistance) Child Care

The NTA (Non-Temporary Assistance) Unit provides child care for low income families who are:

- ✓ Employed
- ✓ Seeking employment
- ✓ Teen parents attending high school
- ✓ Attending an approved substance abuse program
- ✓ Experiencing a short-term emergency situation such as homelessness, family illness, domestic violence, etc.
- ✓ Receiving services through CPS (no family share is required on these cases regardless of income)

The parent contributes a weekly family share, based on income, directly to the provider.

Which children are eligible?

An eligible child is:

- Legally residing in the United States
- Over six weeks and under 13 years of age
- A "special needs" child between the ages of 13 and 18 (or 19 if in secondary school)

Who can watch my child?

- Public Assistance families and families with income below 200% of the poverty level can use any **approved** provider
- Families with income over 200% or Preventive service cases must use a **contracted provider**

How can a family find a provider?

- Check the Suffolk County Contracted Provider list
- Call the Suffolk County Child Care Council at 462-0303
- Contact Little Flower Services at 929-6200
- OCFS Website*
- Ask people you trust for recommendations **

*Go to NYS homepage, family, childcare, find day care services, childcare facility search. You can search by name, zip code, facility #, etc.

**All informal providers must be approved by the Child Care Council in order to receive payment from DSS.

What does it cost?

- A weekly parent fee (minimum \$1.00) based on gross income and family size paid to the provider of the youngest child.
- No cost to active CPS cases regardless of income
- No cost to Temporary Assistance recipients

How do I apply?

- TA clients are automatically guaranteed childcare. Their TA or DOL worker will provide the necessary forms and info. Call intake at 853-3632.
- Low-income applicants should call the intake worker (853-3666) who will do a quick telephone interview and mail an application and required forms to be returned to the office by mail.***

***At this time applicants for education/training will be added to our Wait List and applications will be mailed as funding becomes available. Applications and Wait List forms are available on line at: www.co.suffolk.ny.us/home/departments/socialservices
