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### **Child care assistance available to parents in work, school or job-search** *Apply now for benefits to help pay for daycare costs over summer vacation*

**Aurora, Colo.** – Summer break is just around the corner, and that can mean a steep rise in child care costs for families whose kids need weekday supervision when school is not in session.

Arapahoe County's Low-Income Child Care Assistance Program can help families with paying for child care costs for children from birth to age 12. The CCAP program supports eligible families while the parents work towards self-sufficiency.

To qualify, parents must be working or looking for a job, attending college or vocational school, enrolled in high school if under age 21, or studying for a GED if under age 21. The household also must meet income guidelines set at 185 percent of federal poverty limits, or \$3,554 gross monthly income for a family of four. Parents are required to pay some portion of the child care costs based on household income and size

CCAP gives families the flexibility to choose a child care provider that meets their needs. The County will conduct a background check on new child care providers. Parents should look for signs of a safe environment where the child will be stimulated and encouraged to learn and grow.

CCAP will pay the provider directly for child care costs while the parents are at the work or educational eligible activity. The program will not pay for child care registration, activity or transportation fees. Each family receives a CCAP card to swipe when checking their child in and out of the child care facility.

There is no waitlist for CCAP benefits. For more information, call 303-636-1170 or visit [www.arapahoegov.com](http://www.arapahoegov.com). Citizens can apply for benefits online or in-person at the County's Human Services offices at 14980 E. Alameda Drive, Aurora or 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., Littleton.

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