

Child Care Scholarship Partial Enrollment Freeze: Changes for Families Experiencing Homelessness

Effective July 2026, families experiencing homelessness will no longer be placed on the Child Care Scholarship (CCS) waitlist. They will be given a scholarship if they meet all other program rules.

This change is because of a new Maryland State law ([House Bill 849](#)). Families on the waitlist who are experiencing homelessness have been contacted by the program and have been offered scholarships if they meet all other CCS Program rules and show they need child care.

Families who are currently on the waitlist and have become homeless since submitting their CCS application should contact the program to learn how to update their information and see if they qualify:

- Phone number: 1-877-227-0125
- [Family online form](#)
- [Provider online form](#)

WHO IS EXEMPT FROM THE CCS PARTIAL ENROLLMENT FREEZE AND WAITLIST?

- Families experiencing homelessness
- Families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits
- Families adding a new sibling to an active scholarship

REMINDERS

- The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) continues to maintain a waitlist for the CCS Program. This is because demand exceeds current funding.
- MSDE will award scholarships to families on the waitlist as spaces become available.
- Families can keep applying for the CCS Program during the partial freeze. All applications will be reviewed. Approved families will be added to the waitlist.
- Families already in the CCS Program will keep getting scholarships during the partial freeze as long as they remain eligible and submit renewal forms on time.
- Child care providers will keep receiving payments from children in the CCS Program during the partial freeze.
- More information can be found at [Money4ChildCare.com](https://www.money4childcare.com).