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New resource now available to help families pay for child care

Working families now have another resource to help them cover the cost of high-quality child care. Child Care Services Association is now providing financial assistance to help connect Durham County families with high-quality care in 3, 4 and 5-star child care facilities. This new program, the Smart Start Child Care Scholarship Program, is funded through Durham’s Partnership for Children, a Smart Start initiative, and is designed to complement the child care subsidy program administered by Durham’s Alliance for Child Care Assess.

To qualify for a scholarship, children must be age birth – five years old and parents/guardians must be working, looking for work or attending school. Parents/guardians who are unable to work due to a disability or who have a child with a documented developmental need may also qualify to receive a scholarship. The yearly and monthly income eligibility requirements for families are:

Family size	Maximum yearly income	Maximum monthly income
Two	\$36,943	\$3,079
Three	\$41,560	\$3,463
Four	\$46,178	\$3,848
Five	\$53,566	\$4,464
Six	\$60,955	\$5,080

Interested families should contact the Family Support Department at Child Care Services Association at (919) 403-6950 or stop by the Jim & Carolyn Hunt Child Care Resource Center at 1201 S. Briggs Ave., Suite 200, Durham, NC, 27703.

About CCSA: Founded in 1974, CCSA is a nationally recognized nonprofit working to ensure affordable, accessible, high-quality child care for all children and families. The organization accomplishes its mission through direct services, research and advocacy. CCSA provides a nutrition program for children in child care settings, free referral services to families seeking child care and quality improvement assistance to child care businesses. CCSA’s T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project provides educational scholarships to early childhood educators across North Carolina and is licensed in 20 other states. The Child Care WAGES® Project provides salary supplements to child care providers throughout the state and is licensed in three other states. For more information, visit www.childcareservices.org.

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