

Alaska Child Care Resource and Referral Network-Alaska IN!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in Alaska In! - the program that supports the inclusion of children with special needs in child care. The following information is provided for you to learn more about the program and the application process.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

➤ What are the criteria to participate in this program?

If you are a parent/guardian participating in the state Child Care Assistance Program and you have a child under the age of 13 with special needs requiring additional services, you may be eligible for a special needs supplement and additional support in finding and keeping child care that best meets your child's needs.

➤ How can my child's caregiver receive the special needs supplement and additional support?

Contact a Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency. CCR&R staff will discuss your child's needs with you and your child care provider to determine additional accommodations needed in care. They will also determine whether the accommodations needed qualify for the special needs supplement and will provide that information to you and your Child Care Assistance Program office.

➤ Can I get child care assistance before I complete the eligibility process for the supplemental rate?

Yes. If you are participating in the state Child Care Assistance Program, your provider will be paid at your determined rate until a supplemental rate is authorized. The supplemental rate may be paid for one month prior to your determination.

➤ Can I get help to find child care?

Yes. CCR&R staff can help you find child care that will meet your child's special needs. They can also assist your child care provider(s) to access training and additional resources to help them meet your child's special needs.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Complete the following forms and return them to your CCR&R agency: Application for Special Needs Supplement, Authorization for Exchange of Information, and Special Needs Documentation.**
- 2. You and your child care provider will be contacted to complete the Accommodations Scale to determine eligibility. If eligible, processing will begin to access the supplement.**

If you have any questions about Alaska IN!, the application process or would like to apply, please contact the CCR&R agency nearest you (see contact information below). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
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