

## TCCA Frequently Asked Questions



1. **Q:** What is TCCA?  
**A:** Temporary Child Care Assistance is a new program designed to provide time-limited childcare assistance using President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.
  
2. **Q:** How do I apply for TCCA?  
**A:** Did you receive a letter in the mail inviting you to apply? If so, follow the instructions provided in your letter.  
If you did not receive a letter, you can apply on-line at [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov).
  
3. **Q:** How do I qualify for assistance with the cost of child care in this program?  
**A:** In order to qualify, you must:
  - Attend college
  - Attend a vocational/technical school
  - Attend a job readiness or other approved training course
  - Meet income requirement (see chart)
  - Have a child under the age of 13
  - Select a provider licensed or registered through Bright From the Start: Georgia's Department of Early Care and Learning
  
4. **Q:** What documents will I need?  
**A:** The following documents are needed:
  - Proof of Residence
  - Verification of school/training enrollment and attendance
  - Verification of employment, if employed
  - Verification of child's citizenship
  - Verification of identification
  - Childcare cost from selected provider
  
5. **Q:** Are there any fees associated with TCCA?  
**A:** No, there are no fees or co-pays. However, if your child care provider of choice charges more than the maximum rate allowed by the state, you will have to pay the difference.
  
6. **Q:** I was denied Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) can I apply for TCCA?  
**A:** Yes, the eligibility requirements are different for the two programs. You should apply on-line and see if you are eligible.

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7. **Q:** How will an applicant provide the necessary documents?  
**A:** Documents can be submitted via fax, e-mail or U.S. mail to the assigned TCCA Service Agent.
8. **Q:** Why was my case denied?  
**A:** There are various reasons why a case may be denied:
- Over income
  - Not enrolled in school
  - Not attending school
  - False information given
  - Failure to return requested documents
  - Please contact your TCCA Service Agent for information specific to your case
9. **Q:** What type of providers can I use?  
**A:** You can choose formal providers that are:  
\*Licensed as a child care center  
\*Licensed as a group home  
\*Registered as a family day care home
10. **Q:** How long is the application process?  
**A:** It may take up to 30 calendar days to process an application.
11. **Q:** How long does this program last?  
**A:** The TCCA program is temporary and is expected to end no later than September 30, 2010. However, funding for the program can end at any time before September 30, 2010.
12. **Q:** What is the age limit for my child to receive childcare?  
**A:** TCCA serves children under the age of 13 or up to the age of 18 if the child has special needs documented by a physician.
13. **Q:** Do I apply for TCCA at the local DFCS office?  
**A:** No. No TCCA applications will be taken or processed at the local DFCS office. To apply, go on-line to [www.compass.ga.gov](http://www.compass.ga.gov) or call 1-866-371-8222 if you would like to be mailed a paper application.
14. **Q:** Can I receive CAPS and TCCA at the same time?  
**A:** No. You can only receive benefits from one childcare program at a time. Eligibility for one program does not mean you are automatically eligible for the other.

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15. **Q:** I currently do not have a child care provider selected for my child. How do I select a provider?

**A:** Please visit child care providers in your area or visit [www.allgakids.org](http://www.allgakids.org)

16. **Q:** What is the difference between CAPS and TCCA?

**A:** Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) is the existing child care assistance program that is managed by DFCS which assists parents who are primarily working by providing funds to cover the cost of childcare. Parents may remain in the program as long as they meet the eligibility requirements and they have children under the age of 13.

TCCA is **time limited** and is designed to assist parents who have been affected by the economy through job loss. These parents may not be working, but may be participating in job readiness programs, attending college, vocational/technical programs to enhance their skills so they can get back into the work force. Child care funding is available for a limited time to assist. The goal is to provide the assistance in order to stimulate the economy. As parents obtain job skills and become employed the economy will be stimulated.

17. **Q:** What are the income requirements for the TCCA program?

**A:** The income requirements are based on your household size and gross annual income. Please see the chart below.

### **MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE INCOME CHART**

**Please Note: Income eligibility based on 200% of the 2008 Federal Poverty Level**

<b>Maximum Allowable Family Income for CHILD CARE SERVICES Eligibility</b>	
Number in the Family Unit	Gross Annual Income Limit
<b>2</b>	\$ 28,000
<b>3</b>	\$ 35,200
<b>4</b>	\$ 42,400
<b>5</b>	\$ 49,600
<b>6</b>	\$ 56,800
<b>7</b>	\$ 64,000
<b>8</b>	\$ 71,200
<b>9</b>	\$ 78,400
<b>10</b>	\$ 85,600