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Help with Childcare Costs

The Children and Families Information Service

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Find Ofsted Registered Childcare

1 All Parents

- Is the Parent receiving help available to nearly all parents? — No → Child Benefit - **0845 302 1444** Child Tax Credit - **0845 300 3900**
- Yes ↓
- Is the child(ren) aged 3 or 4? — Yes → The Early Learning Entitlement 15 hours a week/ 38 weeks a year
- No ↓

2 Working Parents

- Is the parent in work? — No → Go to Section 3
- Yes ↓
- Is the parent (or partner) working at least 16 hours a week? — Yes → Working Tax Credit Inland Revenue - **0845 300 3900**
- No ↓
- Is the parent returning to work after at least a year of unemployment? — Yes → May be entitled to financial support such as a job grant – **Job Centre Plus**
- No ↓
- Can the parents employer offer any support? — Yes → Childcare Voucher, Salary Sacrifice Busy Bees, Early Years Vouchers etc
- No ↓

3 Out of Work

- Is the parent looking to return to work? — No → Go to Section 4
- Yes ↓
- Lone parent responsible for a child under 12 and not claiming JSA — Yes → Income Support **0800 055 6688**
- No ↓
- Is the parent part of the New Deal programme? — Yes → New Deal for Lone Parents, New Deal for Partners – **Job Centre Plus**
- No ↓

4 In Training

- Is the parent in or considering education/training? — No → Go to Section 5
- Yes ↓
- Is the parent under 20 years old (as of course start date)? — Yes → Up to £160 towards childcare **Care to Learn - 0845 60 222 60**
- No ↓
- Is the parent studying in Higher Education (College, University)? — Yes → Support funding and Childcare Grant **Student Finance – 0845 3005090**
- No ↓
- Is the parent studying NHS funded qualification? — Yes → **NHS Student Bursary/ Childcare Allowance - 0845 358 6655**
- No ↓
- Is the course improving career prospects? — Yes → Loan of up to £8000 - **Career Development Loan - 0800 585505**
- No ↓

5 With Disabilities

- Is/are the child(ren) disabled or with special needs? — Yes → Disability Living Allowance **0800 882200**
- No ↓
- Is the parent disabled or with special needs? — Yes → Extra elements of Working Tax Credits - **0845 300 3900**