



**TN**

Department of  
**Human Services**

## Do you need child care assistance to maintain employment or pursue post-secondary education?

You may be eligible for Smart Steps Child Care Payment Assistance if you meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be employed no less than 30 hours per week, or be enrolled and attending a post-secondary education program full time or a combination of employment and post-secondary education
- Must have a child between ages six (6) weeks through five (5) years old
- Household gross income must be below the 85th percentile of the State Median Income (SMI) for Tennessee. Please refer to the chart for Household Income Limits below.

*Eligibility for assistance is based on program requirements and availability of funding.*

**Household Income Limits for Smart Steps**

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
2	\$3,355
3	\$4,145
4	\$4,934
5	\$5,724
6	\$6,513
7	\$6,661
8	\$6,809

**The Smart Steps Application can be found online at:**

<http://tn.gov/humanservices/topic/child-care-services>

Once complete, turn the application in to the nearest Tennessee Department of Human Services Child Care Office, found online at:

<http://tn.gov/humanservices/article/child-care-certificate-program-office-locator>

**Find a child care center near you at:**

<http://www.tn.gov/humanservices/topic/child-care-services>