

The Seasonal Child Care (SCC) subsidy program helps eligible seasonal workers who cultivate, harvest or process crops in Washington pay for child care. The program's purpose is to help provide safe, licensed child care while parents work in agricultural settings. The Department of Early Learning (DEL) oversees the program.

Eligible families must live in the following counties:



Federal law requires that children who receive the federally funded subsidies legally reside in the United States. This requirement applies only to the **child** who receives the child care subsidy. The status of parents and other siblings is not considered when determining a child's eligibility.

SCC outreach and access

DEL and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) collaborate to help ensure eligible families are aware of the program.

DEL and DSHS continue to improve access for SCC in this state. DSHS makes it possible for parents to apply in person in four areas in the state that have large numbers of seasonal workers. A mobile community service office van also when available to seasonal workers in various locations throughout the state.

Additionally, applicants who are found ineligible for the SCC subsidy are automatically screened by DSHS for eligibility in WCCC. This has helped to increase the number of seasonal workers receiving subsidized care in our state.

From February 2014 to October 2014, the SCC program served 6427 families. In that same time period during 2013, SCC served 6180 families. This reflects an increase of 247 families served in 2014.