

# Meigs County Job and Family Services

## Caretaker/Parent Reminders & FAQs

### **Child Care Eligibility & Reporting Changes:**

Eligibility for child care subsidies through the Meigs County Job & Family Services is based on the gross monthly income and family size of the caretaker (parent). To be eligible, caretakers (parents) **must** also be working or in an approved school or training activity. Once approved, a caretaker (parent) must report changes to their address, income, family size and work or approved activity within 10 days of the change.

### **Child Care Benefits:**

Caretakers (parents) are **required** to use the Ohio ECC swipe card to pay their selected provider for Publicly Funded Child Care. Either the caretaker (parent) or a designee must swipe the card to record a child's attendance. Caretakers (parents) may not allow their provider or provider's employees to store or use their Ohio ECC card. Doing so can result in a termination of their child care benefits or penalties and sanctions against the provider. If a caretaker (parent) loses their Ohio ECC card, they must contact the Ohio ECC Caretaker helpline at **1- 888-796-4322** or Meigs County JFS **992-2117, ext 127** to have a replacement card mailed to you.

### **Categories of Care:**

Caretakers (parents) are approved for a category of child care subsidies based on the number of hours they work or attend school or training plus travel time. The categories are:

Hourly - 0 to 7 hours

Part-time - 7 to 24.9 hours

Full-time - 25 to 60 hours

Full-time plus - more than 60 hours

The specific hours and days a child receives care from a provider must be agreed upon by the provider and caretaker. Caretakers (parents) may not use more hours than the category allows.

### **Child Care Authorizations:**

When a caretaker (parent) is first approved for a child care subsidy they will receive a temporary voucher until they select a child care provider. To receive care, they must show their selected provider(s) their Notice of Approval.

The Ohio ECC swipe card will be mailed to the caretaker (parent) 7 to 10 business days after Meigs County Job & Family Services approves the connection.

### **Changing Providers:**

Caretakers (parents) must plan in advance before changing child care providers. Caretakers (parents) must advise their current provider of their intent to start at a new location.

Changes must be reported to Meigs County Job & Family Services by the caretaker (parent) and/or provider. Without approval from Meigs Job and Family Services, a child will not be authorized to the new provider and the Ohio ECC swipe card will not work or record attendance at the new location.

### **Co-Payments:**

Families are required to pay a family co-payment as part of their eligibility for child care. The caretaker (parent) and provider will receive notice of their weekly co-payment. This weekly fee may be assigned to a particular child or to all children. Providers may collect the fee weekly or monthly, but the amount displayed for the provider in the Provider Web (PWeb) is a weekly amount.

