

Child Development and Care (CDC) Need Reasons

There are four valid CDC need reasons listed below. Each parent or substitute parent (P/SP) of the child needing care must have a valid need reason when child care is requested. Each need reason must be verified.

Family preservation

- Child care may be approved for a child whose P/SP is unavailable to provide care due to the treatment of a medical, mental or social condition, such as drug or alcohol abuse treatment.

High school completion

- Child care may be approved for a child whose P/SP is enrolled in school (full-time or part-time) in order to participate in classes leading to a high school diploma or its equivalent.

An approved activity

- Child care may be approved under this need reason when a P/SP needs child care to participate in one of the following:
 - Employment preparation and/or training activity.
 - Employment preparation and training programs are presumed to be occupationally relevant.
 - Post-secondary education.
 - Online educational programs can be approved.
 - Child care benefits for this need reason cannot be approved for graduate, medical, or law school.
 - Educational programs are presumed to be occupationally relevant.

Employment

- Child care may be approved for P/SPs who are employed or self-employed and receive money, wages, self-employment profits or sales commissions.
- P/SPs participating in the following activities are considered to meet the need criteria based on employment including:

Employment (continued)

- Jury duty.
- Residency/internship for which wages are received.
- Required to be on call.
- Required strike duty.
- Sleep periods (up to eight hours) for the employed P/SP when:
 - This person is the only P/SP available to provide care during the time for which CDC is being requested.
 - This person works during the child's normal sleep time.
 - This person must sleep when the child is awake.
- The paid employment portion of a co-op or work study program.