



Early Years Scholarship Program Rate Chart and Reimbursement Information

Reimbursement Information

Reimbursement

Early Years' Scholarship program offers reimbursement to qualifying childcare providers for their service to children on scholarships. Early Years will pay you according to the rates listed below regardless of your tuition rate. Reimbursement comes in two parts:

- **Parent Fees:** based on a percentage of parent income and paid directly to providers by parents
- **Early Years' payment:** paid by direct deposit by the second business day of the month following the service month. If, due to an income change, a family's parent fee changes, Early Years' payment adjusts to make up the difference.

Overage

When tuition is higher than reimbursement, the difference is called "overage." Providers who plan to charge a family on scholarship all or part of their overage must discuss this plan with the family before the child enrolls in the facility. *Please note, however, that where Early Years offers enhanced rates above state reimbursement rates (rates in bold italics below) facilities are not allowed to charge any overage.*

Early Years Child Care Scholarship Reimbursement Rate Schedule

(effective October 2026)

County	Facility Type & Star Rating	Birth to Five			
		0-52 weeks	1 year	2 years	3-5 years
Durham	Center 5 Star	<i>\$1,945.00</i>	<i>\$1,945.00</i>	<i>\$1,698.00</i>	\$1,452.00
	Center 4 Star	<i>\$1,830.00</i>	<i>\$1,830.00</i>	<i>\$1,665.00</i>	\$1,357.00
	FCCH 5 Star	<i>\$1,393.00</i>	<i>\$1,302.00</i>	<i>\$1,430.00</i>	\$1,134.00
	FCCH 4 Star	<i>\$1,383.00</i>	<i>\$1,290.00</i>	<i>\$1,320.00</i>	\$1,111.00
Orange	Center 5 Star	<i>\$1,782.00</i>	<i>\$1,782.00</i>	<i>\$1,645.00</i>	\$1,422.00
	Center 4 Star	<i>\$1,667.00</i>	<i>\$1,667.00</i>	<i>\$1,540.00</i>	\$1,308.00
	FCCH 5 Star	<i>\$1,488.00</i>	<i>\$1,348.00</i>	<i>\$1,403.00</i>	\$2,279.00
	FCCH 4 Star	<i>\$1,445.00</i>	<i>\$1,283.00</i>	<i>\$1,367.00</i>	\$2,007.00
Wake	Center 5 Star	\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00	\$1,579.00	\$1,452.00
	Center 4 Star	\$1,737.00	\$1,737.00	\$1,539.00	\$1,425.00
	FCCH 5 Star	\$1,249.00	\$1,106.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,096.00
	FCCH 4 Star	\$1,226.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,181.00	\$1,062.00

Reimbursement for 4- and 5-star facilities in other counties follows state subsidy reimbursement rates. To view, visit <https://ncchildcore.ncdhhs.gov/>