

EARLY CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (ECCDI)

Start Up Cost Reimbursement Program

If you have opened your doors as a new CCPP child care center in MS between October 1, 2023 and August 2024, you are eligible for the start up cost reimbursement program! An in-home residential provider can be reimbursed up to \$10,000 and a center-based provider can be reimbursed up to \$25,000. You will also have to be partnered with Wonderschool Academy. If you are not, we will be happy to connect you!

What expenses can be used to claim the reimbursement?

- ▶ Mortgage payments for two months or initial lease and deposit payments
- ▶ Initial two months of utilities and related deposits for water, electricity, gas, sewer, and garbage
- ▶ Initial two months of internet and telephone along with their installation fees
- ▶ Licensing fees not already reimbursed by Wonderschool Academy
- ▶ Technology needs, such as computers, printers, and televisions
- ▶ Initial office and educational supplies
- ▶ Initial food costs
- ▶ Insurance, security systems, and staff training
- ▶ Playground equipment

Note: center-based providers can claim up to initial three months for mortgage, lease, utilities, internet, and telephone expenses

What do I need to claim these expenses?

- ▶ Mortgage note agreement or lease agreement, with clear monthly cost payment and deposit information
- ▶ Utility bill or confirmation from account on deposit paid
- ▶ Internet or telephone bill
- ▶ Detailed invoices and receipts showing purchases made for technology, supplies, or food costs
- ▶ Proof of payment in the form of a check image, credit card statement, or bank statement