

OVERVIEW - BEST BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS

CHILD CARE 1-4a

Children with Special Needs

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References: 52-2-701 - 704 & 52-2-711 - 713 MCA
Sections 37.80.101-103, 37.80.201-202, 37.80.205-206, 37.80.301-302,
37.80.305 -306, 37.80.315-316, 37.80.501 ARM
45 CFR Part 98.20 – 47

General Rule

Child care providers are required to make a reasonable accommodation for children with special needs. If care requirements increase the cost of the care, a child may qualify for the Special Needs Subsidy. Additional funding for special needs care is provided solely at the discretion of the Early Childhood Services Bureau.

A family must qualify for the Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship (BBCCS), then a family can apply for the Special Needs Subsidy for a child on the BBCCS. The Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) assists the family and provider in completing and submitting the appropriate paperwork to the Early Childhood Services Bureau for review.

Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA]

The Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] requires that businesses (including child care providers) make “reasonable accommodations” in order to include individuals with disabilities in their place of business. Montana’s policy regarding special needs care and scholarship program must not supplant ADA requirements. Child care programs must first comply with the ADA, then access all other available resources and finally utilize the special needs scholarship enhancement.