

Starting July 1, 2023

families can receive child care and cash assistance at the same time.



Starting July 1, 2023, more families will be able to get help paying for child care.



Families requesting new benefits can apply for ERDC and TANF together.



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provides cash assistance.



Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) provides child care assistance.

Families getting TANF can ask their family coach for help paying for child care with ERDC.

ERDC will provide TANF families more flexible child care assistance. There will no longer be a separate TANF child care program.

Families getting ERDC may be able to get TANF if:

- They have a job loss
- They are on unpaid leave from work
- They meet TANF income requirements

Child care assistance won't end when families receive TANF.

Families can use child care benefits for:

- Work
- Job search
- Class and study time
- Medical leave, including maternity and paternity leave
- Family well-being, including: appointments, school conferences, study time, counseling, and other activities that improve family health and well-being

** Families will not be able to receive ERDC benefits if the child who needs care does not meet certain federal CCDF citizenship requirements. In the spring of 2024, all children who need care will be eligible for ERDC, regardless of citizenship.*

Families will be eligible for ERDC for 12 months, even if they are not connected to a provider. ERDC benefits will continue if a caretaker loses their job or stops attending school.

All child care and early learning programs, including ERDC, will soon be run by the new Department of Early Learning and Care. This will not change the way families get ERDC or TANF benefits. Families will continue to apply for and receive benefits through the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Questions about ERDC or TANF? Contact your local Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) office or call 1-800-699-9074. You can find a list of local ODHS offices here: <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/Offices/Pages/Self-Sufficiency.aspx>.