

## **Consumer Statement**

(for parents)

**You may be able to get help paying for child care if:**

**You have a child (or children) under the age of 13, and you are working and meet income requirements, or you receive TANF and are in an education, training, or other work activity approved by your caseworker, or you are a teen parent (under age 20) in high school, an alternative high school, or GED program, or you are attending education or training activities including ESL, high school equivalency, GED, vocational training and 2-year and 4-year college degree programs.**

**There are no waiting lists. Families who fall within the income categories for their family size are eligible. For child care income levels by family size or other child care information, visit our website at [www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us)**

**All families pay a portion of the cost as a co-payment. The amount of the family's co-payment is based on income and family size.**

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**You can choose the child care provider who best fits your individual needs.**

**Payments are available for full and part-time care and for before and after school while you work or attend approved school/training.**

**IDHS will help pay for child care arrangements that help ensure the wellbeing and safety of your child.**

**Qualified child care providers must pass background checks to ensure they are providing a safe environment while caring for all children. IDHS will not make payments to providers for the care of their own children or to providers who have been convicted of certain crimes.**

**IDHS funds CCR&R agencies across the state to assist you with getting a child care application, finding quality child care, and possibly helping pay for your child care. Go to our website at [www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us) and click on the "child care" link for more information.**

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Health and Safety Training Requirements:**

- CPR/FA
- Child Abuse and Neglect Mandated Reporter
- Health and Safety Training
- Licensing or regulatory requirements met, please specify

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Last inspection date \_\_\_\_\_

Violations: \_\_\_\_\_

Any voluntary quality standards met \_\_\_\_\_

The most recent monitoring report of the Provider you have selected, will be included with this form at your local CCR&R.

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