KOOCHICHING COUNTY HEAD START
CHILD CARE AND CHILD SUPPORT
COLLABORATION PROJECT

REFERRAL GUIDE

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Child-Care Assistance

Do you need help paying for child care?

MFIP Child Care is for families who receive assistance from the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP). This program replaced AFDC in Minnesota beginning January 1, 1998.

Transition Year Child Care is available to families for a full year after their MFIP case closes.

What happens when Transition Year Child Care Ends?

When TY ends, you may be eligible to get help with child care from the Basic Sliding Fee Child Care Program (BSF). There may be a waiting list for BSF in your county. TY families are a priority on the waiting list.

Basic Sliding Fee Child Care (BSF)

BSF may help you pay child care costs IF you do not receive MFIP and your income is within program limits. BSF can help you with child-care costs for any combination of:

Work: You may get help with child-care if you are working 20 hours or more per week and earn at least minimum wage.

Job Search: You may get help with child care for a limited time to look for work.

School or Training: You can get child-care assistance for the amount of time your school says it takes to complete your degree. Your child-care worker will help you develop an employment plan that includes school or training to prepare for work.

How much do I pay?

The child-care assistance program may not cover all your costs. The amount you will have to pay depends on your family's income, the number of people in your family, and how much your provider charges.

Getting started

You will need to fill out an application to get help with child-care costs. Contact your county human services office, or the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency in your area to find out where to apply.

Contact: Koochiching County Community Services
1000 Fifth Street ❤ International Falls, MN 56649 ❤ 218-283-8405

Child Care Resource & Referral

Looking for Child Care?

Call Arrowhead Child Care Resource and Referral for the most complete information.

1-800-450-0450

After hours - I&R
1-800-232-1300

Serving:
Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake & St. Louis counties

For Child-care Subsidy, please call or apply at Koochiching Community Services at 218-283-8405 or 800-950-4630

MINNESOTA Child Care
Resource & Referral Network

Services...

For Parents:

- Assists parents in locating child-care and preschool programs that best meet their individual family needs.
- Individualized referrals to family day-care homes, centers, and preschool programs.
- Consultation and assistance in evaluating and choosing appropriate child care.
- Information about Minnesota licensing regulations.

For Child-Care Providers:

- Assistance in filling vacancies.
- Data on current demand for child care for program/business planning.
- Technical assistance in becoming a licensed caregiver.

For Business and Community:

- Local and regional planning/advisory committees.
- Provide recruitment and service development.
- Data on local child-care needs.
- Information on exploring feasible options for supporting parent employees.

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Head Start is for Families

Parents come to Head Start because they want to do something good for their children. Head Start supports this desire.

Head Start provides busing, to and from school, at most sites.

Early Childhood Development

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- Education
- Classroom
- Home Visits
- Special Needs: Head Start works closely with community agencies to provide services for children with special needs

Health Services

- Physical Exam
- Dental Exam
- Early Childhood Screening
- Mental Health Services
- Immunizations

Family Services

- Parent Involvement
- Family Partnership
- Family Resource Centers
- Family Advocacy

Head Start Centers are located in the following sites:

Indus	218-634-3144
International Falls	218-283-9491
	800-559-9491
Northome	218-897-5273

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CHILD SUPPORT

WHAT IS CHILD SUPPORT?

- Child support is a financial obligation of a non-custodial parent to pay money for the support of their children.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Either a parent, with or without custody of their children may apply for child support services.
- You can apply whether you are receiving public assistance or not.
- Fees: $25 one time for non-public assistance applications. $0 automatic referral for all public assistance cases.

WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?

- Locating non-custodial parents
- Establishing Parentage
- Establishing child support, medical support and child care and unreimbursed medical expenses
- Modifications of existing obligations
- Enforcing support obligations
- Collecting current and past due support payments
- Payment inquiries toll-free

  1-800-657-3512

WHAT SHOULD CHILD SUPPORT BE USED FOR?

Food, clothing, shelter, education, transportation and the personal needs of the child.

WHERE DO I APPLY?

KOOCHICHING COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES
CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION
1000 FIFTH STREET
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN 56649
218-283-8405 • 800-950-4630

WHY SHOULD I APPLY FOR SERVICES?

Children deserve support from both parents

❤ IT'S FOR THE KIDS

❤ SUPPORTING CHILDREN IS A PARTNERSHIP

KIDS • RESPONSIBILITY • LOVE • CHILD SUPPORT

❤ CHILDREN NEED EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

CHILD SUPPORT

Every Child Deserves
Emotional, Physical
and Financial Support

If you would like more information
on Head Start, Child Care or
Child Support

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