



The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Subsidy (BrightPath)

If you're a family in Ohio looking for help with childcare costs while you work, attend school, or participate in job training, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is here to support you. This program ensures that while you're working toward your goals, your child receives the early care and education they need to thrive.

Step 1: Determine if your family is eligible for ODJFS assistance. Please click on the link below to review eligibility.

[Eligibility Requirements](#)

Step 2: Once you determine your eligibility for ODJFS, you'll need to [schedule a tour at BrightPath](#) and submit your application. During the tour, you'll receive all the essential information about our programs, tuition rates, available schedules, and curriculum. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to see the enriching environment, meet our dedicated teachers, and ask any questions you may have.

Click here to download or print an [Application for ODJFS Child Care Benefits](#)

Or apply for ODJFS online here: [Child Care Online Application](#).

Step 3: The waiting period; ODJSF reviews your application and may ask for more information if needed.

If you register with BrightPath before you get your approval, you can choose to pay the full tuition yourself until the approval from ODJFS is received. Alternatively, you can wait to start at BrightPath until we receive the approval. This approval will show how much ODJSF will cover, how much you need to pay, and when your ODJSF coverage will begin.

Should you choose to self-pay while awaiting the ODJFS approval, you will be credited accordingly if the ODJFS approval takes effect during the waiting period.