

IMPROVE YOUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WITH A LOW INTEREST LOAN

The Child Care Financing Program



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible?

If you have a Child Care Center, make sure you are one of the following:

- Licensed by VDSS
- Certified by VDSS (preschools only)
- Religious-exempt

If you care for children in a Family Day Home, make sure you are one of the following:

- Licensed by VDSS or operating under a local ordinance
- Participating in the Child Care Subsidy Program
- Voluntarily registered
- Part of a licensed family day care system
- Participating in the USDA Food Program

For information about the Licensing or Child Care Subsidy programs and child care underserved areas, visit childcareva.com.

How much can I borrow and for how long?

Child Care Centers may borrow up to \$150,000 for repayment up to 7 years.

Family Home Providers may borrow up to \$10,000 for repayment up to 7 years.

What is the interest rate and do I have to pay any fees?

Interest rates may vary from 2% – 4%, based on experience and credit quality.

Child care providers in designated underserved localities are eligible for 0% interest.

A non-refundable fee is charged when you apply. Child Care Centers pay \$100 and Family Home Providers pay \$25.

Are there any other eligibility requirements?

Yes, you must be in good standing with the Licensing or Child Care Subsidy programs, operate in Virginia and demonstrate a reasonable assurance of repayment.

What are some examples of how I can use my loan?

Quality improvements for health and safety and the overall learning program, such as playground equipment, resilient playground surfacing, cribs, cots, blankets, cubbies, books, etc.

Minor remodeling or upgrades to comply with health and safety standards, or to meet necessary requirements for children with special needs.

Passenger vans and buses (Child Care Centers only)

What can't I use my loan for?

You cannot use your loan to purchase or improve land, building construction, permanent mortgages, working capital or to refinance existing debt.

Who do I contact to get started?

For more information and a Child Care Financing application visit the Virginia Small Business and Supplier Diversity website at sbsd.virginia.gov and search for the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority.

Call 804-371-8254 or email your questions to: vsbfa@sbsd.virginia.gov

Virginia Small Business Financing Authority

Virginia Department of Social Services