



Inclusive Child Care Program Designation Frequently Asked Questions

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) announced the Inclusive Child Care Program (ICCP) designation as part of Ohio PROMISE. Ohio PROMISE is a new statewide initiative that will Promote Resources, Opportunities, and Meaningful Inclusion through Support and Education.

The ICCP is awarded by ODJFS to early care and education programs who submit an application verifying completion of the eligibility requirements. [Child Care Manual Procedure Letter 163](#) provides more information.

Steps to Obtaining the ICCP Designation

Step 1 – Professionals complete the required courses for the Professional Early Childhood Inclusion Credential (PECIC).

Step 2 – Professionals apply for the PECIC on their Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) Profile under the application tab. The PECIC credential is valid for two years.

Step 3 – Professionals are awarded the PECIC by the OPR.

Step 4 – Child care program should confirm that staff who hold current PECIC have met the role requirements to meet eligibility to apply for the ICCP designation.

Step 5 – The program submits the JFS 00600 "Application for Inclusive Child Care Program (ICCP) Designation and Funding Agreement" which can be found in ODJFS Forms Central at www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/.

Step 6 – ODJFS awards the ICCP designation to programs.

Step 7 – ODJFS awards any funds to eligible ICCP programs.

ICCP Designation FAQ

Who can apply for the ICCP designation?

Programs can apply for the ICCP as soon as the eligibility requirements are met.

Can a program apply for the designation if they have never served children with special needs?

Any program meeting the eligibility requirements may apply.



What are the requirements for the ICCP designation?

Requirements include that the following individuals earn the PECIC that is available through the OPR at <https://ocerra.org/>.

Program Type	Staff Required to Obtain the PECIC
ODJFS Child Care Center and Approved Day Camp ODE Preschool and School-Age	Administrator & One Lead Teacher/ Day Camp Lead Counselor
ODJFS Family Child Care Home (Type A & Type B) Certified In-Home Aide	Provider (Owner/Administrator)

Does my program need to be Step Up To Quality rated to apply for the designation?

No.

Does my program need to provide publicly funded child care (PFCC) to apply for the designation?

No.

What is the duration of the ICCP designation award?

The ICCP designation is good for one year. Programs must reapply 30 days prior to the designation end date.

What do I do if the PECIC staff member who met the ICCP eligibility requirements is no longer employed by my program?

The program must ensure that the minimum number of staff maintain the PECIC at all times.

What happens in the event that an ICCP designation is removed?

The program can reapply for the designation when they meet the eligibility requirements.

ICCP Payments FAQ

How do programs apply for the ICCP payments?

Programs do not need to apply for the payment. It will be awarded by ODJFS to eligible programs as outlined in the manual procedure letter.

Does my program have to provide PFCC to be eligible for the payment?

No. Payments will be awarded to both PFCC and non-PFCC programs.



When are payments issued?

Programs who provided approved PFCC special needs child care at any time from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, will be issued payments in August 2023. Eligible programs who did not provide PFCC special needs child care during that time will be issued funds after October 2023.

How are the payments issued to my program?

Programs must enter their banking information in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS). Funds are issued through electronic funds transfer. Programs that do not provide PFCC cannot enter their banking information until October 2023 when OCLQS has been updated to accept your banking information.

The manual procedure letter said that Preschool Special Education (PSE) programs are not eligible for a one-time payment. What is PSE?

PSE is a classroom licensed by the Ohio Department of Education where more than 50% of the preschool students have a disability. If there are exactly 50% of the students with a disability, then it is not a Preschool Special Education classroom, it is an integrated classroom. If less than 50% of the children have a disability, it is a preschool general education classroom.

Are ODE licensed preschools who operate a PSE program in one classroom and/or part of the day and a General Education/Early Childhood Education program in another classroom eligible for the additional funds for the ICCP designation?

Yes.