Private funds are available to assist permanent University Staff employees with child care costs for their children.

“[Child care] is a critical issue in recruiting and retaining young staffers. I’ve had wonderful support from university staff, which is why I support the University Staff Child Care Grants fund.” … Pat Lasky

“Income & child care rank first and second as the greatest concerns among University Staff employees.”… Connie L. Wilson, Assistant Dean, Emerita

**University Staff Child Care Grant**

**What is the University Staff Child Care Grant?**

The University Staff Child Care Grant is an award given to permanent University Staff employees who need assistance with the high cost of quality child care.

- The high cost of child care can make it difficult for employees to balance their dual roles as employees and parents.
- From an employer standpoint, staff turnover has high costs both financially and in service delivery.
- This program rewards the valuable contributions of University staff in our workforce.
“University staff keep UW–Madison running through millions of daily tasks and various encounters with students, staff and faculty. For our campus to truly be experienced as welcoming, it is essential for the University Staff to be well supported in the important work they do.”

Connie L. Wilson, Assistant Dean, Emerita

Who is eligible?

Permanent UW–Madison University Staff employees who demonstrate a high need for additional financial support for regulated child care

How do I apply?

Download a grant application from our website: occfr.wisc.edu. Click on the “Financial Assistance” tab, then “For UW Faculty/Staff,” then “University Staff Child Care Grant” to obtain the application form. Mail or fax the completed form to:
Office of Child Care and Family Resources
Attention: Teri Stratton
611 Eagle Heights, Room 148
Madison, WI 53705

Fax number: 262-4622

Or scan and email application to this address: teri.stratton@wisc.edu

All application materials are confidential and are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

How much are the awards?

Grants are always based on fund availability and degree of need. Typically, each award is $500.00-$1000.00.

How will awards be determined?

Grant applications are reviewed by a committee. Factors for consideration include:
- Family income and assets
- Other resources such as city and/or county funding, child support, availability of extended family member support
- The age of the children and total child care costs
- Special family circumstances
- Verification that the family is using regulated child care in the State of Wisconsin.

If I am awarded funds, what next?

The Office of Child Care and Family Resources will contact you directly about the payment process. Your care provider will need to submit a W9 form and payment will be made directly to the provider in the amount awarded.

If you need assistance in locating care

On-campus care and resources:
- For a listing of campus programs, go to occfr.wisc.edu.
- Call the Office of Child Care and Family Resources at 265-9123 to talk with the parent resource specialist about your search for care and available openings on campus.

Off-campus care and referral:
- Contact Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C’s) at 271-9181 for a list of all programs in Dane County; and/or
- Contact Satellite Family Child Care at 729-1195 for information about family child care homes.
What other support is available for parents working at UW–Madison?

- The Office of Child Care and Family Resources sponsors a variety of programs to support families.
- We would love to have you join us! Call 265-9123 to obtain the current schedule of events or check the Web site at occfr.wisc.edu.
- Subscribe to the free parent list serve by e-mailing: jen.templin@wisc.edu

Questions: contact Teri Stratton at 890-0436 or teri.stratton@wisc.edu

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