

The table below is to be used only as a guide. Please note that the State eligibility requirements for childcare providers can change at any time.

To verify if your provider of choice is eligible to participate in the AmeriCorps Childcare benefit program, contact GAP Solutions with your eligibility questions at 1-855-886-0687.

Disclaimer:

- Your provider of choice must be over the age of 18,
- May not be the child’s biological, step, or adoptive parent, or the child’s legal guardian, adult acting in loco parentis, or the spouse of a legal guardian or adult acting in loco parentis, or the child’s sibling if living in the same household.
- The AmeriCorps Childcare program cannot assist providers with completing state training /background check requirements.
- Providers will not be eligible for back payment if they are not in compliance with state regulations. If you decide to hire a childcare provider that does not yet have any of the certifications or training requirements your state mandates, please know that your benefit will not retroactively start from your first date of AmeriCorps Service. Instead, your benefit will start from when your childcare provider completes all requirements. In the event your childcare provider is unable to get certified to participate in the AmeriCorps childcare program, you would be left without a benefit for the period of time this provider rendered childcare services to you. Because of this we highly encourage members to choose a childcare provider that meets all requirements before you hire them.

License Exempt Centers:

Certain states may allow certain licensing exemptions for centers if they are part of a public or private organized educational system (a school or facility operated by a religious institution caring for children during short periods of time). Also, recreational center-based programs whose purpose is to provide social, recreational, or religious activities for school age children, such as scouting, boys club, girls club, sports, or the arts may also be license exempt. The Table below helps you understand if your state exempts any of the above programs.

CHILDCARE PROVIDER TYPES					
STATE	LICENSED CHILDCARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY & GROUP HOMES	LICENSE EXEMPT	UNLICENSED (RELATIVE, FRIENDS, ETC.)	*UNLICENSED PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS
Alabama	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Relative providers are exempt from licensing requirements; all others must comply with Health and Safety Requirements, monitoring inspections and criminal background checks.
Alaska	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Arizona	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Relative providers are exempt from licensing requirements; all others must be certified to participate; to get certified click here for information.

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Arkansas	YES	YES	YES*	YES*	Relative providers caring for 5 or less children are approved; Others must be registered to participate. Organizations: Churches are exempt. Others must have an afterschool license to participate, also known as an Out of School Time license.
California	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Relative providers are exempt from licensing requirements; all others must be registered with TrustLine to participate. Providers can get more information here .
Colorado	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Relative providers are approved. However, the AmeriCorps member must complete and submit the Unlicensed Provider Affidavit form . All other providers must be licensed.
Connecticut	YES	YES	YES	YES	Care by a relative is approved; or by a non-relative in the child’s home. FFN (Family, Friend, Neighbor) care is exempt from licensing requirements.
Delaware	YES	YES	YES	NO	
Florida	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Florida law requires that anyone who provides childcare in their home for more than one unrelated family must be either registered or licensed through the Department of Children and Families. Some counties do not allow registration. You must use a licensed provider. See page 7 to see if your county does not allow. To register and complete Florida's background check; click here for information.
Georgia	YES	YES	YES	YES	Informal care can be provided only when no other licensed care is available within a reasonable geographic area, or if childcare is determined to meet the special needs definition. Informal caregivers must be 21 years of age and must not be included in the family unit. A childcare license is needed if caring for more than 3 children. The Unlicensed Provider Affidavit form is required. All informal caregivers are required to complete CPR training. This must be completed to start receiving payments from AmeriCorps. Informal caregivers must be over 21 years of age.

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Guam	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Hawaii	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Blood relatives are exempt from licensing requirement.
Idaho	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed providers, including blood relatives, must be certified with Idaho Stars to participate. Click here for information on getting registered.
Illinois	YES	YES	YES*	YES*	Licensed exempt centers must submit a copy of their Letter of Exemption from DCFS before they can participate. Letter of exemption is valid for 2 years. For all other unlicensed providers, the AmeriCorps Member must complete the Unlicensed Childcare Provider Affidavit .
Indiana	YES	YES	YES	YES	All unlicensed providers must become CCDF Certified. Click here for information on getting certified. Provider will need a current First Aid/CPR Certification to complete certification.
Iowa	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed providers are exempt. Providers with 5 or more unrelated children must be registered and complete Iowa's childcare background checks. Must also have valid First Aid and CPR training to participate. Click here to get registered.
Kansas	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Non-relative unlicensed providers must pass the Child Abuse and Neglect registry check to participate. Click here for more information.
Kentucky	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Allows for existing registered unlicensed providers (more information can be found here). Blood relatives are exempt from licensing requirement. A childcare license is required if caring for more than 3 unrelated children.
Louisiana	YES	YES	YES	NO	
Maine	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Blood relatives are exempt from licensing requirements.
Maryland	YES	YES	NO	NO	
Massachusetts	YES	YES	YES	NO	

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Michigan	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed must complete a GSQ Great Start to Quality virtual course for License Exempt Providers. Click here to find available trainings. The AmeriCorps member must complete the Unlicensed Provider Affidavit form .
Minnesota	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed providers must only provide care to related children, and/or provide childcare to children from single unrelated family at one time. The provider must also have a valid First Aid and CPR training. The childcare provider may not live in the member's home.
Mississippi	YES	YES	YES	NO	
Missouri	YES	YES	YES	YES	Individuals caring for four or less unrelated children are considered license exempt. There is no cap on the number of related children up to the third degree (CCDF page 126-128).
Montana	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Nebraska	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Blood relatives are exempt from licensing requirements. The childcare provider may not live in the member's home.
Nevada	YES	YES	YES	NO	
New Hampshire	YES	YES	YES	NO	
New Jersey	YES	YES	YES	NO	
New Mexico	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Only state registered family homes are eligible for benefit payments.
New York	YES	YES	YES	YES	
North Carolina	YES	YES	YES*	NO	Unlicensed relatives are not exempt by the state of NC. NC only exempts faith based programs that hold a Notice of Compliance.
North Dakota	YES	YES	YES	YES*	The state only approves providers that are related to the child by marriage, blood or court decree. The childcare provider may not live in the member's home.
Ohio	YES	YES	YES*	NO	Day Camps must be accredited by the ACA and have the annual ACA certificate and day camp registration.

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Oklahoma	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed providers are eligible to participate if care is provided in the member's home (in-home care) or if by a relative.
Oregon	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed care is allowed; however the childcare provider must be listed with the state of Oregon as an approved childcare provider. Benefit will be effective from date of listing.
Pennsylvania	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Puerto Rico	YES	YES	NO	YES*	Unlicensed providers must have valid First Aid and CPR certificates. Relative providers are not required this training. The AmeriCorps member must also complete and submit the Unlicensed Provider Affidavit form as part of their application.
Rhode Island	YES	YES	NO	NO	
South Carolina	YES	YES	YES	YES	
South Dakota	YES	YES	YES	YES	Relative providers are approved for the unregulated rate. The unregulated rate is also approved to unlicensed providers only providing care for one family. All other providers must be registered. Click here for more information.
Tennessee	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Texas	YES	YES	NO	YES*	Unlicensed providers must be registered or listed with the state to participate. Click here for more information. Relatives don't need to be listed to participate.
Utah	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed providers must be registered with the state to participate. Click here to become an approved FFN (Family, Friend and Neighbor) provider. Blood relatives are exempt from requirement.

Vermont	YES	YES	YES	YES*	If caring for more than 2 families, then the provider is required to register with the state or be licensed. Click here for more information on these requirements.
Virgin Islands	YES	YES	NO	NO	
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Virginia	YES	YES	YES*	YES	Programs holding a vendor agreement can participate in the benefit. If your program is not yet exempted as a subsidy provider, you can apply to be approved; To become a subsidy provider click here for information. Provider must show they have vendor agreement as proof that they are approved as subsidy provider. Unlicensed providers caring for 4 or less unrelated children are exempt from requirement.
Washington	YES	YES	YES	YES*	The AmeriCorps member must complete and submit the Unlicensed Provider Affidavit form . Non-relative providers must complete the Health & Safety Training. Click here to register for training.
Washington DC	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Relative Care Providers and In-Home Care Providers are exempt from the licensing requirements and are referred to as “ <i>care-of-last-resort</i> ”. The parent must demonstrate that they could not find care in licensed centers or child development homes to meet their schedule needs or the needs of their child. The AmeriCorps member will be required to complete and submit a Unlicensed Provider Affidavit form .
West Virginia	YES	YES	YES*	YES*	In-home care by relative providers is allowed. Exempt centers (out of school time programs) must be registered to participate. Click here for more information.
Wisconsin	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Only unlicensed providers already registered are eligible. More info can be found here: https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cccertification Blood relatives are exempt from the requirement but the AmeriCorps member

					must complete and submit the Unlicensed Provider Affidavit Form .
Wyoming	YES	YES	YES	YES	

****Florida****

Unlicensed Provider Registration in the following counties is not permitted as they have local ordinance requiring licensure. You must use a licensed childcare provider. More information [here](#).

- Brevard
- Broward
- Clay
- Duval
- Hillsborough
- Manatee
- Miami-Dade
- Palm Beach
- Pasco
- Pinellas
- Polk
- Sarasota
- Saint Johns