

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, not live in your household, and may not be the biological parent.
- 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 exempt from requirements; all other must comply with Health and Safety Requirements, monitoring inspections and criminal background checks. Such must have passed State approval to operate without a license.
Alaska	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Arizona	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Relative Providers are approved for payment. All others must be 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 Out of School Time license.
California	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unrelated unlicensed providers must be registered with TrustLine to participate
Colorado	YES	YES	YES	YES	Relative providers are approved; a Member Affidavit is required. All other unlicensed providers not approved for subsidy payments.
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). Must be in child's home.
Delaware	YES	YES	YES	NO	
Florida	YES	YES	YES	NO*	Some counties do allow. Refer to page 6 of this guide to see if your county allows use of unlicensed providers. Those counties listed require either registration or licensing if caring for more than 1 unrelated child. If your county is not listed, you must use a licensed provider. To register and complete Florida's background check. Click here for information. Blood relatives are not required to be registered.
Georgia	YES	YES	YES	YES	A childcare license is needed if caring for more than 3 children. Provider Affidavit needed. All informal caregivers are required to complete pre-service and annual health and safety training. CPR training for infants and toddlers must be completed prior to the caregiver's enrollment in the CAPS program. Informal caregivers must complete pre-service orientation and training requirements within the first 90 days of enrollment and ten hours of ongoing Lead Agency-approved health and safety training each calendar year thereafter. (PG 129 OF CCDF)

Guam	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Hawaii	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Blood relatives are exempt from licensing requirement.
Idaho	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed providers to include blood relatives, must be registered with the state to participate. Click here to 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 .

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Indiana	YES	YES	YES	YES	All unlicensed providers must become a CCDF Certified. Click here to 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 .
Kentucky	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Allows for existing registered unlicensed providers (more information can be found here); Blood relatives are ok to use. A childcare license is require if caring for more than 3 unrelated children.
Louisiana	YES	YES	YES	NO	
Maine	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Blood relatives are exempt from ALL requirements
Maryland	YES	YES	NO	NO	
Massachusetts	YES	YES	YES	NO	

Michigan	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed must complete a GSQ Great Start to Quality virtual course for License Exempt Providers. Click here . You can complete the 10 hour course to qualify for higher reimbursement rates.
Minnesota	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Unlicensed providers must have valid First Aid and CPR training. Unrelated unlicensed Providers can only care for children of one family.
Mississippi	YES	YES	YES	NO	
Missouri	YES	YES	YES	YES	Individuals caring for four or less unrelated children are licensed exempt and there no cap on the number of related children up to the third degree (CCDF page 107 and 113)
Montana	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Nebraska	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Blood relatives are exempt from requirements
Nevada	YES	YES	YES	NO	
New Hampshire	YES	YES	YES	NO	
New Jersey	YES	YES	YES	NO	
New Mexico	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Only registered family homes are approved to use.
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New York	YES	YES	YES	YES	
North Carolina	YES	YES	YES*	NO	Unlicensed relative 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*	Relative Providers ONLY
Ohio	YES	YES	YES*	NO	Day Camps must be accredited by the ACA and have annual ACA certificate and day camp registration.
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) Provider Affidavit is required for all unlicensed childcare providers.
Rhode Island	YES	YES	NO	NO	
South Carolina	YES	YES	YES	YES	
South Dakota	YES	YES	YES	YES	Relative Providers are approved the unregulated rate. Unregulated rate is approved also to unregulated providers only providing care for one family. Other providers must be registered. Click here.
Tennessee	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Texas	YES	YES	NO	YES*	ALL unlicensed providers must be registered or listed with the state to participate. Click here for 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 be approved for FFN. Blood relatives are exempt.
Vermont	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Exempt if caring for children of up to 2 families. If caring for more than 2 families must be registered. Click here for information on getting registered.
Virgin Islands	YES	YES	NO	NO	
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Virginia	YES	YES	YES*	YES	Programs holding a vendor agreement can participate. 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*	You can find a certified unlicensed provider here https://del.wa.gov/check Member affidavit is required for non-registered providers.
Washington DC	YES	YES	YES	YES*	District of Columbia exempts only blood relative providers.

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 .
Wisconsin	YES	YES	YES	YES*	Can only use unlicensed providers that are already certified by the state. https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cccertification/cc-directories . (blood relatives are exempt from the requirement). Click here if you are a provider who would like to get certified.
Wyoming	YES	YES	YES	YES	

****Florida****

The following Counties require unlicensed family homes caring for more than 1 unrelated child to get registered or licensed before they can participate as an approved childcare home

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/family-child-care-home-registration.shtml>

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