

# AmeriCorps Child Care Assistance for Providers

## What is AmeriCorps?

[AmeriCorps](#) is a National Service Program supported by the Corporation for National & Community Service, a federal program. AmeriCorps engages people (members) in a term of meaningful service within their community. For example, Minnesota Alliance With Youth members are placed at schools and community-based sites to support young people as they work towards high school graduation.

## Who administers the AmeriCorps Child Care Assistance Program?

The AmeriCorps Child Care Assistance Program is administered by [GAP Solutions, Inc.](#) (GAP). GAP processes and approves all applications as well as determines award rates and issues payments to approved child care providers.

## How much of child care costs are covered by the AmeriCorps Child Care Assistance Program?

GAP uses state and county rates to determine weekly award amounts. Please click [here](#) and locate the county, type of provider, and age of child to see the maximum rates allowed. Any amount beyond the established rate would be the responsibility of the member.

## What information is needed to apply?

- A completed online application
- W-9 Form
- Child Care Rates Sheet
- Child Care License

Full [checklist of required documents for providers](#)

## What if I do not have a traditional child care license (not licensed/exempt from licensing?)

### **Non-Licensed Providers:**

The State of Minnesota allows providers to be reimbursed for services if they do not have a license if they meet the requirements under a "Legal Non-Licensed (LNL) Provider." LNL providers must supply the following documentation *in addition* to the other [required documents](#) for providers:

- Driver's License
- Social Security Card
- Current CPR/First Aid Certification

### **Exempt from Licensing:**

Many before and after school programs are exempt from licensing in the State of Minnesota. If your program is exempt, a letter can be provided (on program letterhead) stating the exemption under Minnesota Statutes 245A.03, subdivision 2.

## When and how are payments made?

Payments are made *monthly after* services have been provided and the monthly approved attendance sheet has been submitted. **Providers cannot be pre-paid for services.** Payments are made directly to providers via direct deposit or paper check (after attendance sheets are received and approved). Payments cannot be made to the AmeriCorps member.

## How do I apply?

Both AmeriCorps members and child care providers must complete an online application on GAP's website:

<https://www.americorpschildcare.com>

## If I have more questions, who can I contact?

A list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) can be found on GAP's website. You may also contact GAP via email:

[AmeriCorpsChildCare@gapsi.com](mailto:AmeriCorpsChildCare@gapsi.com) or phone 1-855-886-0687.