

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 or phone 1-855-886-0687.