



Washington University in St. Louis
Sponsored Projects Accounting

TO: Business Managers and Research Administrators

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SUBJECT: NIH Childcare Costs for NRSA Trainees (v1.8)

The NIH will provide a childcare allowance for graduate students and post-doctorates funded through the National Research Service Award (NRSA) program on institutional research training awards (T32, TL1, TU2 and T90), see NIH Notice [NOT-OD-21-177](#). Each full-time predoctoral or postdoctoral NRSA appointed trainee is eligible to receive \$2,500 per budget period for childcare costs provided by a licensed childcare provider. For households where both parents are eligible full-time predoctoral or postdoctoral NRSA trainees, each parent is eligible to receive \$2,500.

Childcare costs are permitted for dependent children living in the eligible full-time predoctoral or postdoctoral NRSA trainee's home from birth until the age of 13, or, for children who are disabled [i], until age 18. Childcare costs do not apply to elder or non-child dependent care costs.

The NIH has also developed a set of frequently asked questions which provided additional information, see https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/funding_programs_childcare_costs.htm.

Sponsored Projects Accounting (SPA), in conjunction with Payroll Services, have developed the following procedures for childcare costs:

Budgeting & Reporting:

The Notice of Award (NOA) for new, renewal or continuing NRSA training grants (T32 mechanism) will contain childcare cost funding for each full time trainee position ($X \text{ trainee positions} * \$2,500 = \text{childcare funding}$), unless otherwise specified in the terms and conditions. The funds are restricted for use only for childcare cost. Childcare costs on NRSA institutional research training awards are excluded from modified total direct costs and are not eligible for F&A. These funds cannot be rebudgeted into any other expense category and any unused portion will be reported as an unobligated balance.

Payment:

Trainees on NRSA training grants receive monthly stipends. The childcare cost funding is considered additional compensation and will be provided to the trainee as an additional Stipend payment. The NIH requires the childcare to be provided by a licensed childcare provider. Accordingly, the trainee must complete the NIH Child Care Payment Request form and provide related documentation of the incurred childcare costs (e.g., receipts). See **Appendix C** for the form.

License Verification:

For the state of Missouri, the MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education assigns each license day care facility a “DVN number”. The DVN number can be obtained via <https://healthapps.dhss.mo.gov/childcaresearch/>. Refer to screen shots in **Appendix A**. The DVN number should be reference on the NIH Child Care Payment Request form in **Appendix C**.

For Illinois based providers, the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services provides a lookup for the licensed providers via the website below: <https://sunshine.dhss.illinois.gov/Content/Licensing/Daycare/ProviderLookup.aspx>. Please attach a screen shot of which indicates the License Status of the facility. Refer to screen shots in **Appendix A**.

The trainee’s Payroll Coordinator should process a one-time payment transaction to pay this through Workday using the NIH Child Care Stipend compensation plan for the applicable amount (cumulative amount not to exceed \$2,500 per the grant’s budget period) and attach the NIH Child Care Form and the corresponding documentation/receipts from the provider. You can find the steps to enter a One-Time Payment [here](#). Refer to **Appendix B** for additional WD processing info (screen shots as of 9/1/22).

The Trainee’s department is responsible for monitoring the payments for each individual to ensure that they do not exceed the \$2,500 limit. Accordingly, it is recommended that the trainee accumulate the cost documentation until the amount reaches the \$2,500 limit prior to requesting the Additional Pay transaction. If it is subsequently determined that the amount paid to a trainee exceeded the limit, then the additional amount must be moved to cost sharing via a manual journal.

Payments using the NIH Child Care Stipend plan can be charged to the Grant Worktag and they route to the Grants Manager for approval.

Reporting for Continuation Applications:

In Section G.1 of the RPPR, the Principal Investigator must upload a PDF named “Childcare_Costs.pdf” (without quotation marks). The attachment must specify the number of trainees who used childcare costs in the reporting period. The NIH expects future system enhancements that will incorporate reporting via xTrain. SPA expects the NIH to issue additional information and implementation guidance at a later date.

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please contact me directly at jgindhart@wustl.edu

Appendix A

Child Care Provider License Verification

State of Missouri: Utilize the MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website to obtain the DVN number for the facility. Reference the DVN number on the Form.

<https://healthapps.dhss.mo.gov/childcaresearch/>

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education website. The header includes the department name, navigation links (DESE - OOC Home, State Home, Disclaimer, Contact Us), and the date Thursday, September 1, 2022. Below the header is a blue bar with the text "Search Facility".

Please enter Organization Name

Facility Name:

Please do not include pre or post street names on street address search (for eg. North Main Street should be entered only as Main)

Street Address: County:

City: Zip Code:

Facility Type

The screenshot shows the facility details page for the Washington University Family Learning Center. The header is identical to the search page. Below the header is a blue bar with the text "Child Care Facility Details" and a red box highlighting the DVN number: "DVN: 002179806". A link "Back to Search Page" is visible below the DVN number.

Child Care Facility Details

DVN: 002179806

[Back to Search Page](#)

Facility Name: WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Facility Address: 840 ROSEDALE AVE
ST LOUIS , MO 63112-1400
ST LOUIS CITY COUNTY

Facility Phone: (314) 935-5437

Facility Email:

Facility Type: CHILD CARE CENTER

State of Illinois: Utilize the IL Department of Child and Family Services website to obtain the license status of the facility. Include screen shot with your submitted documents.

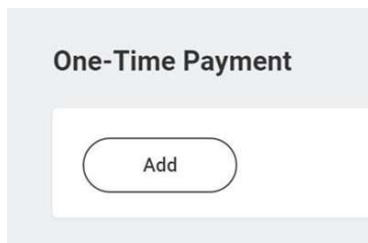
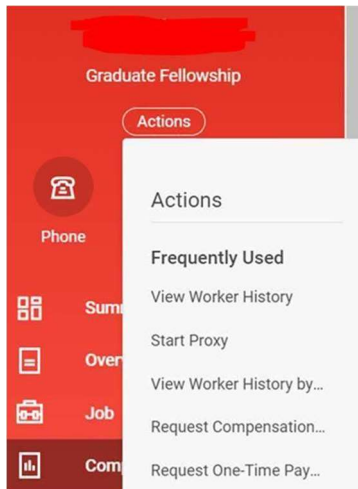
<https://sunshine.dcf.illinois.gov/Content/Licensing/Daycare/ProviderLookup.aspx>

The screenshot shows the DCFS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Licensing, Education, Quality Day Care, Reports, Forms/Rules, News, Resources, and Help. Below this is the 'Day Care Provider Lookup' section, which contains a search criteria form. The form has fields for Provider Name (filled with 'archway'), City (placeholder 'Enter City Name'), County (placeholder 'Enter County Name'), and Zip (placeholder 'Enter 5 Digit Zip Code'). There are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below the search form is a table titled 'Day Care Providers' with an 'Export' button. The table has columns for Doing Business as, Address (Street, City, County, Zip, Phone), Facility Type, License Status, and Age Range (W:Weeks, M:Month, Day). The 'License Status' column for the first row is highlighted with a red box.

Doing Business as	Address					Facility Type	License Status	Age Rang	
	Street	City	County	Zip	Phone			W:Weeks	M:Month
ARCHWAY, INC.	1108 W WILLOW ST	CARBONDALE	JACKSON	62901	6185494442	DCC	License issued (IL)	2Y	TO 5Y

Additional Information for Processing Child Care Payments in Workday (screen shots as of 9/1/22)

Step 1: Select Request One Time Payment (from Actions on the employee's profile) > hit button to Add One Time Payment



Step 2: Select NIH Child Care Stipend from the drop down list of plans.

One-Time Payment Plan *

× NIH Child Care Stipend ...

Scheduled Payment Date *

09/01/2022

Amount *

500.00

Currency *

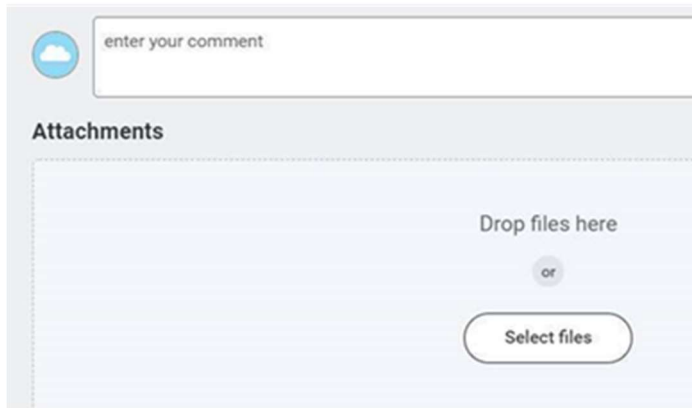
× USD ...

Send to Payroll

Step 3: Enter grant worktag info

Costing Company	<input type="text"/>
Grant	<input type="text"/>
Gift	<input type="text"/>
Project	<input type="text"/>
Non-Carryforward	<input type="text"/>
Cost Center	<input type="text"/>
Program	<input type="text"/>
Fund	<input type="text"/>
Function	<input type="text"/>
Region	<input type="text"/>
Payroll Worktags	<input type="text"/>
Additional Worktags	<input type="text"/>
Payment Details	500.00 USD

Step 4: Enter comments and select receipts to attach to the transaction (required)



The image shows a user interface for adding a transaction. At the top, there is a text input field with a blue cloud icon on the left and the placeholder text "enter your comment". Below this is a section titled "Attachments" in a light grey header. The main area of this section is a light blue box with a dashed border, containing the text "Drop files here", a small grey circle with the word "or" inside, and a rounded rectangular button labeled "Select files".