

Best Beginnings Scholarship

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **What the scholarship covers**

One of the expectations of the program is that the families receiving the scholarship will participate in the costs of their childcare. This is known as a co-pay. Each family's co-pay is based on their income and household size. Copays must be paid in order to be eligible for the scholarship, always use a receipt. Care is covered during work, school/training and travel time. It may also cover a family for 90 days if they are homeless. If a child is in care more than 30 hours a week the scholarship may cover some days they are be absent. It can not cover any additional costs over the state rate including fees. Additional costs are the responsibility of the family.

- **What you need to turn in when you apply**

All of the required information must be turned in before the application process can be completed. There is a list on the front pages of the application or online. Once the initial application is turned in the family will receive mail and/or phone calls from a case manager. CHECK MAIL and make sure addresses are correct. The majority of correspondence is done by mail. They will most likely need more information and will be in contact within seven business days of turning in an application.

- **If there are changes**

All changes must be reported to the caseworker within 10 business days of the change. If there is a change in providers report it within 1 business day to the provider and case manager or additional child care costs could be owed to the provider. If there is a job loss a "grace period" of up to 90 days with a decreased copay may be available. Changes CAN NOT be back dated! We will send out notifications 15 days in advance for any changes such as case closure or co-payment decreases.

- **Where to Apply**

Call, Email or Stop by HRDC to request an application or go online at www.bestbeginnings.mt.gov to print or fill out an application



District 7 HRDC - www.hrdc7.org

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