2024 FAMILY FACTSHEET New Resources, Programs & Policies Impacting Young Children & Families

ECONOMIC SUPPORTS

New state Child Tax Credit of up to <u>\$1,750 per child.</u>





Free breakfast and lunch for all students, K-12, at Minnesota's public schools. Learn more from your child's school.

PREGNANCY & OTHER WORK ACCOMMODATIONS

NEW paid <u>Sick & Safe Leave</u> for employees.

<u>New protections</u> for pregnant and breastfeeding employees.





Paid Family & Medical Leave – Starting in 2026, you can take up to 20 weeks of paid leave: up to 12 weeks of paid family leave and/or up to 12 weeks of paid medical leave.



<u>MN Benefits</u> is an online tool that allows you to apply to cash and food programs for yourself and your household in just one application.

FAMILY HEALTH & WELLNESS

Children, ages 0-19, will receive medical assistance for 12 months at a time (Medicaid, MNCare, and the **Children's Health Insurance Program).**

<u>New Early Learning Scholarships</u> help families pay for child care and education programs starting at birth through Kindergarten.

The <u>Bridge to Benefits</u> Tool helps connect families to public programs, resources and tax credits. Look here to see if you are eligible for public programs or	Spanisn, Hmong,	and Somali).	 rces (access in Engl	
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For Justice Involved Families:

Calls from MN Dept. of Corrections prisons will no longer cost anything to the caller or recipient.

MN's Healthy Start Act allows pregnant people and parents with children under 12 months an option to move to a communitybased setting to be with their children.

Pregnant people can receive medical assistance for 12 months after giving birth, including undocumented people.

CHILD CARE & LEARNING

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) is now available to families in foster care, using relative caregivers, and custodians or guardians providing care.





Help for families caring for <u>grandchildren, nieces,</u> <u>nephews and neighbors</u>. You can access activity kits and training to promote the education, nutrition, safety, health and wellness of the children they care for.

