

Initial Income Eligibility Limits
State, Smart Start of Mecklenburg County &
Mecklenburg County Waitlist Reduction Initiative Child Care Subsidy

**Maximum Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Limits and Fee Percentages for Subsidized Child
 Care Service**
Effective Oct. 1, 2026

200% Federal Poverty Level
(Children ages 0-5 and children ages 6-12 with documented special needs)

Parent Co-Payment: 10%												
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Maximum Gross Monthly Income	\$2,660	\$3,607	\$4,553	\$5,500	\$6,447	\$7,393	\$8,340	\$9,287	\$10,233	\$11,180	\$12,127	\$13,073

133% Federal Poverty Level
(Children ages 6-12)

Parent Co-Payment: 10%												
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Maximum Gross Monthly Income	\$1,769	\$2,398	\$3,028	\$3,658	\$4,287	\$4,917	\$5,546	\$6,176	\$6,805	\$7,435	\$8,064	\$8,694

