



RELATIVE CAREGIVER PROGRAM – FACTS AND TIPS

Eligibility

- Child must be adjudicated dependent in Florida and placed in the custody of a relative by the court.
- Relatives must have an approved home study, including background checks.
- Children 18 years old and younger. Must have SS# or apply for one.
- Only assets and income of the child are considered. The asset limit is \$2000.00.
- Relative Caregiver must cooperate with Child Support Enforcement.
- The enclosed brochures provide additional information regarding the program and eligibility, or you can visit [Public Assistance | Florida DCF \(myflfamilies.com\)](http://Public Assistance | Florida DCF (myflfamilies.com))

How to Apply

- Go to [Home | MyACCESS \(myflfamilies.com\)](http://Home | MyACCESS (myflfamilies.com)) and click the 'Apply for Benefits' button toward the bottom of the page. (You can also do a prescreening questionnaire and check the status of your application at this website as well). OR
- Go to your local access center to apply (see below for addresses for each of the 5 counties). The local service centers have support workers on site to assist you in the application process.
- If the dependency case is still open, the Case Manager or Child Protective Investigator will make a referral for you to Economic Services for the Relative Caregiver Program.

Service Center Phone Numbers and Addresses

- ACCESS Customer Call Center – 1-866-762-2237
 - Charlotte County Service Center – Fax #: 1-866-784-7113, 19500 Cochran Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33948.
 - Immokalee Service Center (Collier) – Fax #: 1-866-784-7113 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL 34142.
 - Naples Service Center (Collier) – Fax #: 1-866-784-7113 4215 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112.
 - Labelle Service Center (Glades/Hendry Counties) – Fax#: 1-866-784-7113, 813 E. Hickpochee Ave, Suite 100, Labelle, FL 33935
 - Fort Myers Service Center (Lee) – Fax #: 1-866-784-7130 2295 Victoria Ave, Room 110, Fort Myers, FL 33901.
- Suncoast Region, Regional Director- Phone # 813-558-5500

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:

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