



CHILD CARE & EARLY LEARNING

STATE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE POLICIES: **NORTH DAKOTA**

- **Income eligibility limit:** As of 2015, a family of three in North Dakota could qualify for child care assistance with an annual income up to \$61,524 (306 percent of poverty, 85 percent of state median income).
- **Waiting list:** North Dakota had no waiting list for child care assistance as of February 2015.
- **Parent copayments:** In 2015, a family of three with an income at 100 percent of poverty (\$20,090 a year) receiving child care assistance in North Dakota paid \$37 per month, or 2 percent of its income, in copayments. A family of three with an income at 150 percent of poverty (\$30,135 a year) receiving child care assistance paid \$106 per month, or 4 percent of its income, in copayments.
- **Reimbursement rates:** In 2015, North Dakota's reimbursement rates for child care providers serving families receiving child care assistance were below the federally recommended level—the 75th percentile of current market rates, which is the level designed to give families access to 75 percent of the providers in their community.
 - North Dakota's monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a four-year-old was \$565, which was \$35 (6 percent) below the 75th percentile of current market rates for this type of care.
 - North Dakota's monthly reimbursement rate for center care for a one-year-old was \$663, which was \$37 (5 percent) below the 75th percentile of current market rates for this type of care.
- **Tiered reimbursement rates:** In 2015, North Dakota did not pay higher reimbursement rates for higher-quality care.
- **Eligibility for parents searching for a job:** In 2015, North Dakota allowed parents to qualify for or continue receiving child care assistance for up to 8 weeks while searching for a job.¹

Source: Karen Schulman and Helen Blank, Building Blocks: State Child Care Assistance Policies 2015 (Washington, DC: National Women's Law Center, 2015). These data reflect policies as of February 2015, unless otherwise indicated.

¹ Parents can receive child care assistance while searching for a job for up to 8 weeks in a calendar year, for up to 20 hours per week.

