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On My Way PreK Application Information:

➤ **If you already have an active CCDF Case:**

- If you are receiving CCDF (from RVR or Firefly) vouchers for childcare, you may use those same vouchers at OMWPK programs and do not need to reapply. Please contact Kendra to complete this process or you will not receive OMWPK funding. **THIS ONLY APPLIES TO CURRENT ACTIVE CCDF families.**

➤ **If you need to apply for OMWPK and do NOT have an active CCDF case:**

- If you applied before the opening enrollment for the new OMWPK year (usually Middle of March, you will need to reapply. If you can't get a new application or are having problems, please contact Kendra.

Application can be found here: <https://earlyedconnect.fssa.in.gov/onlineApp/home>

IN.gov Family and Social Services Administration DFR Benefits Information HIP SNAP (Food Assistance) Health Coverage Child Care Finder

Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning On My Way Pre-K

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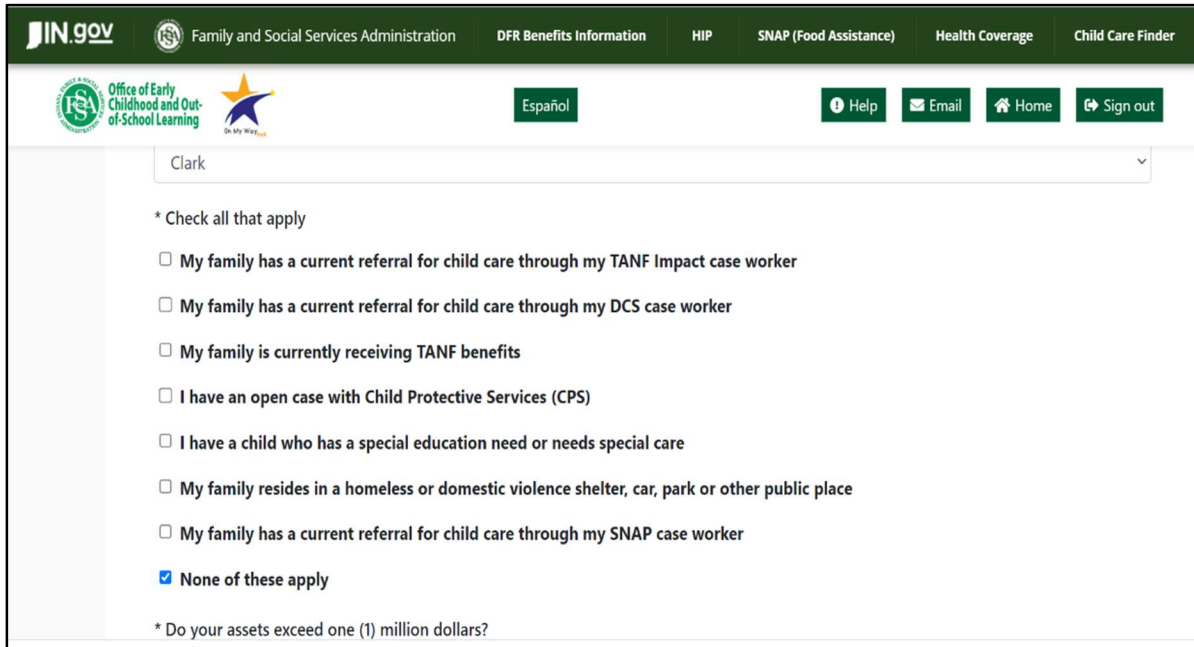
Apply Online for On My Way Pre-K or Child Care Assistance

Welcome to Early Ed Connect, your one-stop shop to apply online for On My Way Pre-K and other child care assistance in Indiana. To apply, please click below and create an account. If you already have an account please sign in.

Create My Account Sign In

A Couple Helpful Tips As You Apply:

1. Be sure to give the correct email and phone number on your application as this will be how we contact you.
2. The application will ask you if you have a SNAP, DCS or TANF referral. **If you have ever received SNAP or TANF or had a child in DCS, this is not the same as a referral!** Do not check that you have a referral, unless you have one, as a referral is very different than simply receiving it (see below).

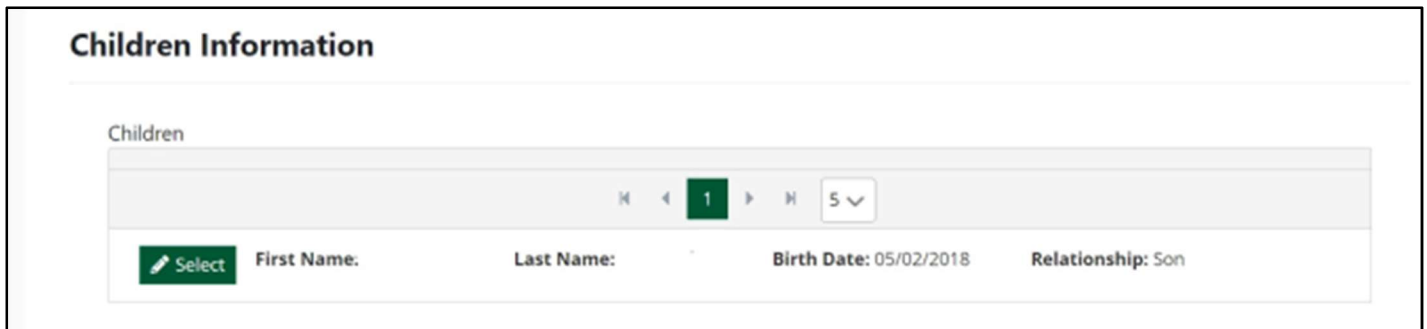


The screenshot shows a web application interface for the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. The header includes the IJN.gov logo and navigation links for Family and Social Services Administration, DFR Benefits Information, HIP, SNAP (Food Assistance), Health Coverage, and Child Care Finder. A search bar contains the name "Clark". Below the search bar, there is a section titled "* Check all that apply" with several radio button options:

- My family has a current referral for child care through my TANF Impact case worker
- My family has a current referral for child care through my DCS case worker
- My family is currently receiving TANF benefits
- I have an open case with Child Protective Services (CPS)
- I have a child who has a special education need or needs special care
- My family resides in a homeless or domestic violence shelter, car, park or other public place
- My family has a current referral for child care through my SNAP case worker
- None of these apply

At the bottom of the form, there is a question: "* Do your assets exceed one (1) million dollars?"

3. The application will ask for all of your children's names at the end. **You must list ALL OF THE CHILDRENS NAMES IN THE HOUSEHOLD** if you don't, the system will populate as only having the one prek child in your family and possibly deny you funding (see below).



The screenshot shows the "Children Information" section of the application. It features a table with one row of data. The table has columns for "First Name:", "Last Name:", "Birth Date:", and "Relationship:". The birth date is "05/02/2018" and the relationship is "Son". There is a "Select" button next to the first name field. Above the table, there is a pagination control showing "1" of "5" items.

4. Do not list your yearly income. The application is asking for your **MONTHLY INCOME BEFORE TAXES (gross income)**. Do not guess or estimate it as it could put you over income (see below).

* My Household Size (Number of Family Members) ⓘ

* My Family's Total Monthly Income Before Taxes \$ 800 .00 ⓘ

* My County
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5. Families in Indiana must have a service need to qualify for OMWPK funding (see below).

* Are you working?
If you are on medical or maternity leave from this job, choose Yes.

Yes No

* Are you searching for a job?
If you do not have a job but are searching for a job, choose Yes.

Yes No

* Are you attending an education or training program?
If you are on medical or maternity leave but still enrolled in an education or training program, choose Yes.

Yes No

* Do you have an Ivy Tech referral?
 Yes No

* Are you currently participating in a first postsecondary degree, a workforce certificate, a pre-apprenticeship, or an apprenticeship?
 Yes No

6. Be sure to enter the **correct birthdate** of the prek child and be sure to select if this applies to you or it will deny you for OMWPK funding (see below).

* Do you have a child that will be 4 years old but not yet 5 years old by August 1, ~~2023~~ 2024

Yes No

I Completed My Application. NOW WHAT!?

Once you have completed the application, you will receive a message at the end of your application stating that your application will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Not eligible – (If you think this is a mistake, contact Kendra)
2. **Limited Eligibility OMWPK**- This is for higher income families or where the parent/guardian receives Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income (also known as SSDI or SSI) benefits. You will be notified to upload your documents on June 1st. At that time, we will review your application. DO NOT WORRY, we will get to you after June 1st and your case will not be overlooked. You will have 28 days from that date to upload all of the required documents to complete your funding. If you upload items before this date you may have to upload again and re-date documents!
3. **Regular OMWPK**- you will be notified the following business day with the next steps on uploading documents to complete your funding. You will have 28 days from that date to upload all of the required documents to complete your funding. If you have issues uploading you can contact Kendra and send document via email or text.



I am here to help make this process as EASY as possible, so if you have any questions at all about the process or your application please contact me at kendra.needham@fssa.in.gov or text/call me at 812-929-1215.