

Early Childhood Education Transition to Ohio Benefits and TAP Guidance Document



A Resource for ECE Grantees



**Department of
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Introduction

This document provides guidance to Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grantees with the transition to Ohio Benefits and Time Attendance and Payment (TAP) systems. The Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is committed to providing as many families as possible access to high-quality early care and education services. This includes serving 29,000 children through the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grant to improve outcomes and the number of children ready for success in school and life.

Changes implemented during State Fiscal Year 2024 (SFY25) are intended to make the application process consistent for all families, maximize the systems and technology available to ECE Grantees, and gather real-time information about enrollment and attendance in the ECE program.

All ECE Grantees must transition to using Ohio Benefits for eligibility and Child Care Time, Attendance, and Payment Information (TAP) for enrollment. Access to TAP requires each ECE Grant site location to have a Provider Agreement for Early Care and Education Services, formally known as the Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC) Provider Agreement.

COMMONLY USED WORDS AND ACRONYMS

Word	Definition
CCVP- Childcare Choice Voucher Program	A new program to support families paying for child care, who are over income for Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC) and whose gross monthly income is at 146% - 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
CCP- Child Care Program ID Number	The number associated with the organization’s Provider Agreement for Early Care and Education Services. The CCP number is needed to set up an account in KinderConnect.
CDJFS- County Department of Job and Family Services	The agency responsible for determining eligibility for early care and education services. Local Agencies Directory (ohio.gov)
ECE– Early Childhood Education Grant	A state funded program awarded to early care and education programs that are required to provide developmentally appropriate learning environments that address the outcomes and goals essential for healthy development and academic growth.
KinderConnect	An internet-based software system that enables early care and education programs licensed by Ohio to collect attendance electronically for

	families receiving services from the Department of Children and Youth for early care and education funding. KinderConnect is the system that TAP uses for data collection. The TAP System Tools document provides more information on each of the system tools available.
KinderConnect System Tools	<p>KinderConnect: Tool used on a computer</p> <p>KinderSign: Tool used on a tablet</p> <p>KinderSmart: Tool used on a smart phone app</p> <p>Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR): Tool used with a phone number</p>
OB- Ohio Benefits	Ohio’s Self-Service Portal (SSP) web-based system that allows residents to easily find and connect with benefit programs from the State of Ohio. Ohio Benefits SSP portal allows families to check eligibility, apply and manage Medicaid, child care, food and cash assistance, and soon ECE Grant benefits.
OCLQS- Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System	A web-based portal that provides Ohio’s early care and education programs with a self-service licensing system. Providers use OCLQS to manage the business functions related to their license. The required Provider Agreement application is located in OCLQS. OCLQS Homepage
OEDS- Ohio Education Directory System	A decentralized directory data system for the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) in which organizations (Grantees) maintain their own data. Along with the Superintendent and Treasurer roles, the OEDS Administrator has the needed privileges to assign roles to other program staff within the CCIP and EMIS systems.
PFCC- Publicly Funded Child Care	A program that offers financial assistance to eligible parents and guardians to help with early care costs while they engage in work, education, or receive job training. Financial eligibility is determined at or below 145% of the poverty level or higher if you are the parent of a child with special needs.
TAP- Time Attendance Payment	The Time, Attendance, and Payment (TAP) system is the Department of Children and Youth’s automated system for tracking attendance and calculating payment for the Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC) and CCVP.

Provider Agreement for Early Care and Education Services

ESTABLISHING A PROVIDER AGREEMENT

Grantees without a Provider Agreement must establish one for each ECE Grant site location. Completing the Provider Agreement allows the Grantee to access the TAP and KinderConnect software and view ECE Grant eligibility.

The organization on the program license is responsible for the Provider Agreement. Districts and Educational Service Centers that partner to deliver services must collaborate to determine the banking information. ECE Grant reimbursement will be done through the Department of Education and Workforce's CCIP for SFY25. The banking information must be entered to complete the Provider Agreement.

Organizations that do not have a Provider Agreement established at each site can use the following resources:

- [Provider Agreement Guide \(School districts, Educational Service Centers, Chartered Nonpublic Schools, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Community School, or Joint Vocational Service Center\)](#)
- [How to Complete a PFCC Agreement & Financial information in OCLQS](#)
- [OCLQS Licensing Job Aids](#)
- [How to Update Customary Rates in OCLQS](#)
- [How to Perform Account Management-ODE](#)

Who to Call:

- For assistance navigating the OCLQS, please contact the Business Unit at 1-877-302-2347, Option 1.
- For assistance with questions about the provider agreement, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-877-302-2347 Option 1.
- For assistance with your EIN or W-9, please use the links above. DCY cannot assist with this information.

UPDATES TO THE PROVIDER AGREEMENT

Organizations that completed the Provider Agreement before September 25, 2024, should note that the agreement has been updated. The [DCY 01144](#) "Provider Agreement for Publicly Funded Child Care Services" and the [DCY 01115](#) "Early Care and Education Services Release of Information" have been revised to implement changes and update language to accommodate the Early Childhood Education (ECE) grant. The following changes were made:

- Titles were changed to "Provider Agreement for Early Care and Education Services" and "Early Care and Education Services Release of Information".
- Form numbers were changed to DCY.
- Articles in the provider agreement were revised to incorporate ECE grant language.
- The consent language in the release of information was revised to reflect additional early care and education programs.
- The email address for the help desk was updated.

Implementation

- Programs with a current provider agreement on file will not be required to sign a new agreement.
- Families with a current release of information for a specific provider on file will not be required to submit a new release for the same provider.
- Any program that does not agree with an article in the provider agreement or no longer wishes to provide services may terminate their agreement by logging on to the OCLQS Portal.
- The updated DCY 01144, "Provider Agreement for Early Care and Education Services," is available on the OCLQS Portal as of September 30, 2024.
- Any early care and education program signing an agreement on or after September 30, 2024 will sign the updated agreement.
- Programs signing these forms may elect to participate in one of the following but do not have to participate in all:
 - Publicly funded child care (PFCC)
 - Early childhood education (ECE) grant
 - Childcare choice voucher program (CCVP)

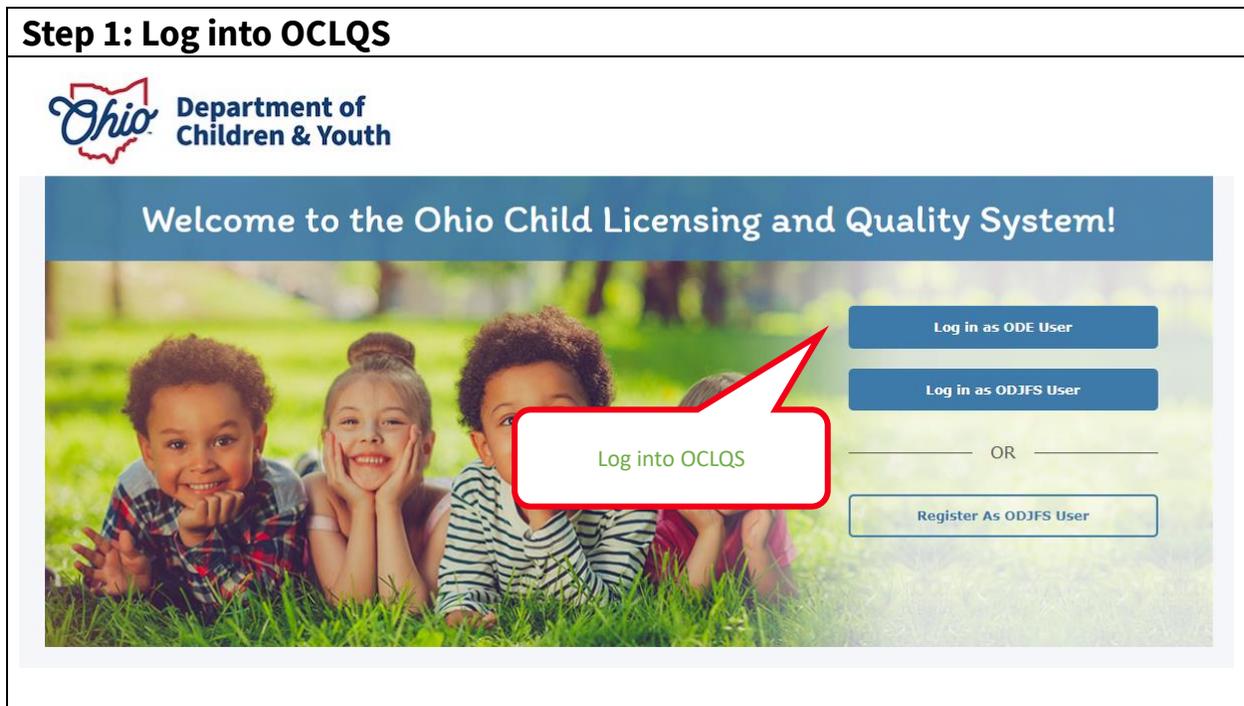
If you have questions, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-877-302-2347, option 4 or childcarepolicy@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Updating Child Care Search Profile

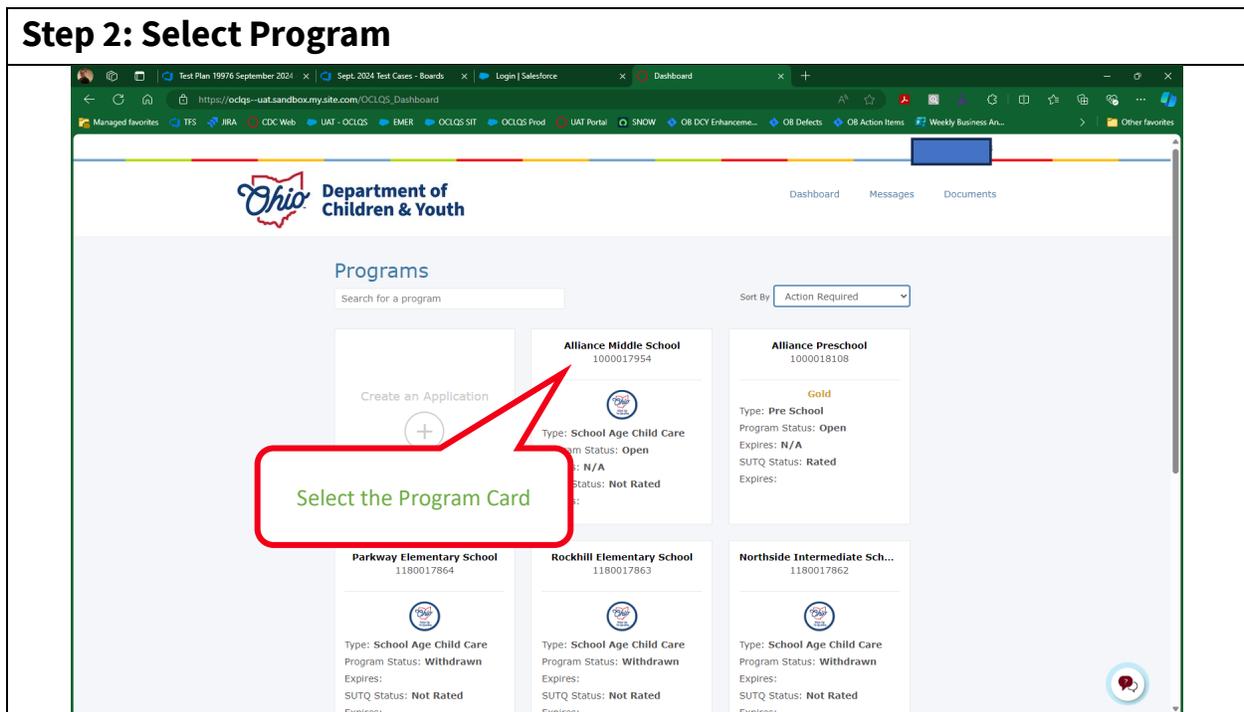
The [Child Care Search](#) tool is a way for families to search for early care and education programs that best meet the family's needs. DCY has added an enhancement to OCLQS to allow programs to select if they wish to provide PFCC services. The enhancement will update the provider's public profile results in the child care search tool. The Provider Agreement for Early Care and Education Services will be in place; however, if a family searches for PFCC programs through Child Care Search, the organization will only show ECE grant funding. In addition, as of October 22, 2024, Child Care Search has been updated to show ECE grant site locations.

DIRECTIONS ON REMOVING PUBLICLY FUNDED CHILD CARE ON CHILD CARE SEARCH

Step 1: Log into OCLQS



Step 2: Select Program



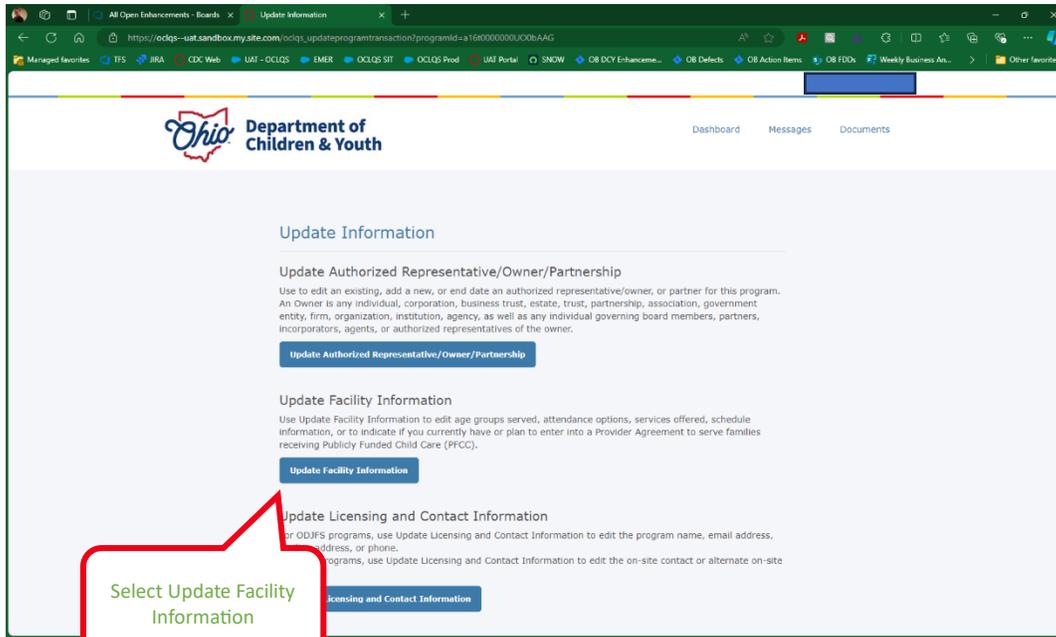
Step 3: Select the Manage Programs button.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Ohio Department of Children & Youth License Detail Page for Alliance Middle School. The page header includes the Ohio Department of Children & Youth logo and navigation links for Dashboard, Messages, and Documents. The main content area displays the school's name and program number (1000017954). Below this, there are two panels: 'License' and 'Step Up To Quality Summary'. The 'License' panel shows the school's address (3205 S Union Ave, Alliance, OH 44601) and status (Licensed Expires: N/A). A blue button labeled 'Manage Programs' is highlighted with a red callout box containing the text 'Select Manage Programs'. The 'Step Up To Quality Summary' panel shows the school's status (Not Rated) and a 'Register for Step Up To Quality' button. A note at the bottom states: 'If you provide publicly funded child care to more than 82 children, then you must become Step Up To Quality rated.'

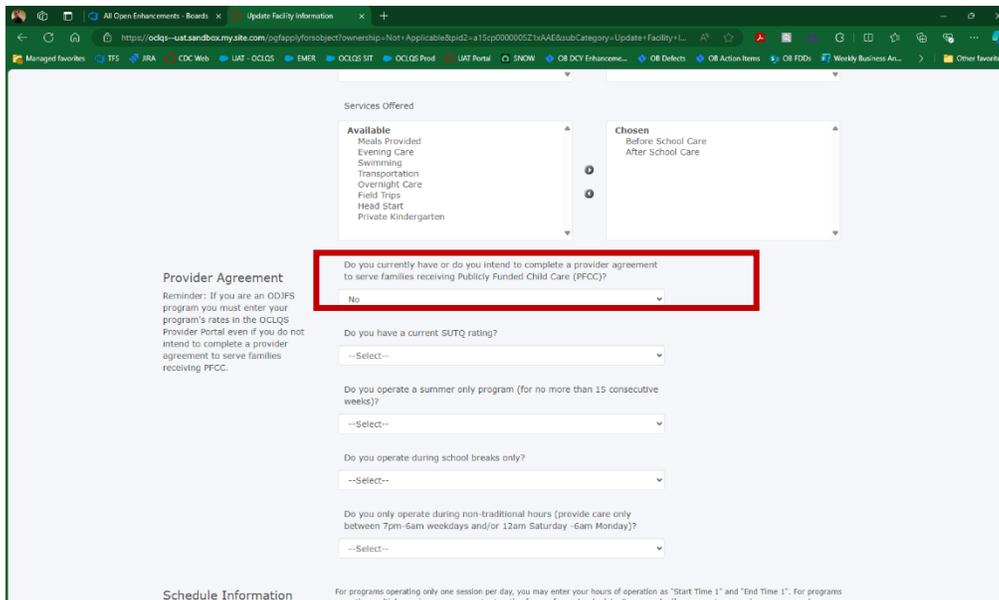
Step 4: Select the update program information button

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Ohio Department of Children & Youth License Detail Page for XJFS Test center. The page header includes the Ohio Department of Children & Youth logo and navigation links for Dashboard, Messages, Documents, and Add System User. The main content area displays the center's name and program number (2170014187). A red banner indicates 'ACTION(S) REQUIRED' with a bullet point: 'Corrective Action Plan is either not submitted or it's returned for revision.' Below this, there is a 'FLIP' button and a grid of five action buttons: 'Initiate PFCC Agreement & Financials', 'Request Amendment', 'Request Closure', 'Update Program Information', and 'Update Financials & Provider Agreement'. The 'Update Program Information' button is highlighted. To the right, the 'Step Up To Quality Summary' panel shows the center's status (Not Rated) and a 'Register for Step Up To Quality' button. A 'Capacity Information' section is expanded, showing 'Approved Total Capacity: 35' and 'Approved Capacity Under 2 1/2 Years: 0'. A note at the bottom states: 'If you provide publicly funded child care to more than 8 children, then you must become Step Up To Quality rated.'

Step 5: Select the update facility information button



Step 6: Update the PFCC question- “Do you currently have, or do you intend to complete the provider agreement to serve families receiving Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC)?” to No. Submit the update.



Phase 1- Submitting ECE Grant Funded Student Applications to CDJFS

ECE providers will be required to partner with the County Departments of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) to provide county staff with the applications that have been gathered and accepted by the provider for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 25 services. The CDJFS will process those applications through the Ohio Benefits system. Applications are processed in the county in which the family resides.

Grantees will prepare each of their eligible student applications. Each application must include:

- [Early Childhood Education Checklist](#) for each application
- Age verification documentation
- Eligibility screening tool or application used
- Required documentation based on the student's eligibility type

In addition, Grantees should prepare the [enrollment spreadsheet](#). The enrollment spreadsheet provides a checklist of all the applications to serve as a cross-check of applications.

Next, grantees should email their local county agency to determine the preferred method to submit the applications. Contact Earlychildhoodeducation@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov for the county contact list. Grantees can also visit [Local Agencies Directory | Job and Family Services \(ohio.gov\)](#) for specific County JFS site information. Please note, student applications should be submitted to the county of child's residence.

Resources

[Early Childhood Education County Checklist](#)

[Early Childhood Education Grantee Protecting Personal Information](#)

[Enrollment Spreadsheet](#)

Time Attendance and Payment (TAP)

INTRODUCTION

The TAP system DCY utilizes is the KinderConnect system. KinderConnect is an internet-based software system that enables early care and education programs licensed by Ohio to collect enrollment and attendance electronically for families receiving assistance from the

Department of Children and Youth for early care and education funding. The KinderConnect system collects attendance using KinderSmart, KinderSign, and the IVR Phone Number. The [TAP System Tools](#) document provides more information on each of the system tools available.

ECE Grantees will need the Child Care Program (CCP) number to create an account in KinderConnect. Creating the account requires Level 4 access in OCLQS or the role of OCLQS Owner. Once the KinderConnect account is created, additional personnel can be added to use the system. The CCP number is generated when a program submits the banking information in the Provider Agreement. The CCP number should be kept secure with limited people having access.

LOCATING THE CHILD CARE PROGRAM (CCP) NUMBER IN OCLQS

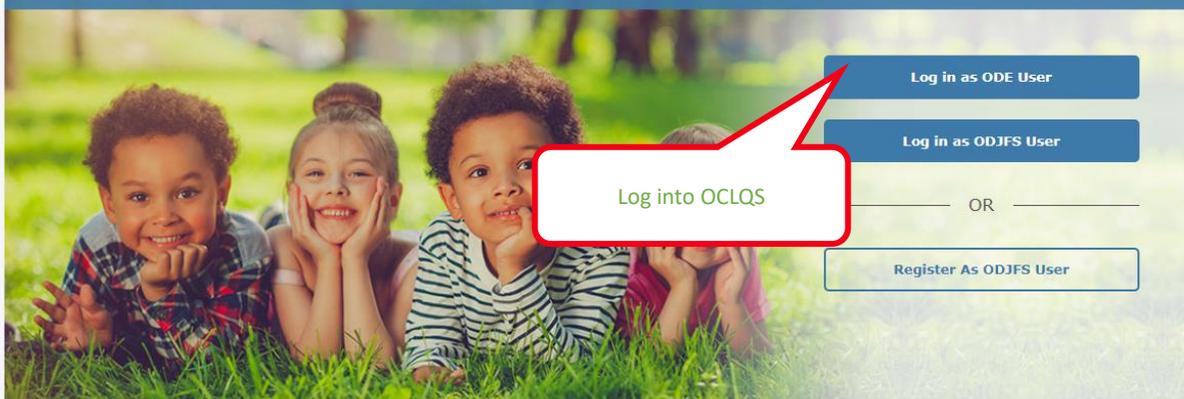
The first step is to ensure you have the correct level of access. Users will need to have level 4 access or the OCLQS Owner Role.

- Child Care Centers and Family Child Care will need Level 4 access. If you do not have level 4 access, please contact the owner of your program, who can add or update your profile in OCLQS to level 4.
- School districts, Educational Service Centers, Chartered Nonpublic Schools, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Community School, or Joint Vocational Service Center must have the role of OCLQS Owner in OEDS. If you do not have the “OCLQSOwner” role, your OEDS Administrator must update your profile to that role.

Step 1: Log into OCLQS



Welcome to the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System!



Step 2: Select Program

The screenshot shows the OCLQS Dashboard for the Department of Children & Youth. The main heading is "Programs" with a search bar and a "Sort By" dropdown set to "Action Required". There are five program cards displayed in a grid. The first card is "Alliance Middle School" (1000017954), which is highlighted by a red callout box containing the text "Select the Program Card". This card shows a "Gold" rating, "Pre School" type, "Open" status, and "Not Rated" SUTQ. Other cards include "Alliance Preschool", "Elementary School", and "Northside Intermediate Sch...". A "Create an Application" button is visible on the left.

Step 3: Select Manage Programs

The screenshot shows the "License Detail Page" for "Alliance Middle School" (Program Number: 1000017954). The page is divided into two main sections: "License" and "Step Up To Quality Summary". The "License" section shows the school's address (3205 S Union Ave, Alliance, OH 44601) and a "Status: Licensed Expires: N/A". A blue button labeled "Manage Programs" is highlighted by a red callout box with the text "Select Manage Programs". The "Step Up To Quality Summary" section shows a "Status: Not Rated" and a "Register for Step Up To Quality" button. The user's name "Robert Gress" is visible in the top right corner.

Step 4: Select Update Financials and Provider Agreement

The screenshot shows the 'License Detail Page' for 'Ridgemont Local' (Program Number: 1000017702) on the Ohio Department of Children & Youth website. A grid of buttons is visible, with 'Update Financials & Provider Agreement' highlighted by a red callout box. The callout contains the text: 'Select the Update Financials and Provider Agreement button.' To the right, there is a 'Step Up To Quality Summary' section showing a 'Status: Rated' and a 'Manage SUTQ' button.

Step 5: Select Update Banking

The screenshot shows the 'Update Information' page on the Ohio Department of Children & Youth website. The 'Update Banking' section is highlighted with a red callout box. The callout contains the text: 'Select the Update Banking button.' The page includes sections for 'End PFCC Agreement' and 'Update Banking' with descriptive text and buttons.

Step 6: The CCP Number Field is on this page

Update Bank Information

Update Bank Documentation Review & Sign

Bank Information

Programs who complete a Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC) Provider Agreement are required to receive electronic payment for publicly funded child care services provided and must provide their banking information. If you are unsure of what your bank account number or routing numbers are, you can find these numbers at the bottom of a check or contact your financial institution for this information. When entering this information, add all numbers, including leading zeros for the routing and account numbers. The routing number is the first set of numbers listed on the bottom of the check and the account number is the second set of numbers.

* Account Type: Checking

* Bank Type: US

* Bank Name: Test Bank

* Routing Number: 123123123

* Account Number: 12345678901234567

* Name on Account: Midwest Regional Educational Se

CCP Number: 131466

Save Save and Continue Cancel

REGISTERING A KINDERCONNECT ACCOUNT

Providers and parents/sponsors must self-register before they can login to KinderConnect. This process can only be done once. The person who has Level 4 access in OCLQS or the OCLQS Owner for the organization should register for the KinderConnect account. Once the first person has registered the site location provider account, they will be able to add new operators.

Before you begin, please gather the CCP number for each site. [The KinderConnect-Provider Registration](#) provides step-by-step instructions.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREVIOUSLY LICENSED ODE PROGRAMS

Preschool Programs operated by a School District, Chartered Nonpublic, Educational Service Center, Community School, Joint Vocational Service Center, or Board of Developmental Disabilities will need to use unique information when registering.

- In step C of the [KinderConnect-Provider Registration](#), use test@oclqs.org as the email address. Finding the correct phone number may be a challenge. Please call the KinderConnect Help Desk at 833-866-1708 Option 9 to obtain.

- For security purposes, the grantee must be able to provide the correct e-mail address and CCP number when contacting the Help Desk.
- In Step E, if a grantee has multiple sites, you will want a unique username for each site. One person can register for multiple sites; however, the username cannot be the same.
- It is important to write down the password used with test@oclqs.org. If lost, call the KinderConnect Help Desk to reset the password.

KINDERCONNECT RESOURCES

KinderConnect system job aids are called Quick Reference Cards, or QRCs. Grantees can go to the following sites for more information on KinderConnect.

- **General Program Information:** [Programs – Child Care Time, Attendance and Payment Information – TAP \(ohiocctap.info\)](#)
- **New Program Information:** [New Programs – Child Care Time, Attendance and Payment Information – TAP \(ohiocctap.info\)](#)
- **KinderConnect Sign- In:** <https://www.ohiocctap.com/KinderConnect>
- **Adding Additional Staff Accounts:** <https://ohiocctap.info/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/KC-QRC-Add-Operator-Detail-and-Add-Account-OH-1024.pdf>
- **KinderConnect QRCs for Programs:** [KinderConnect QRCs for Programs – Child Care Time, Attendance and Payment Information – TAP \(ohiocctap.info\)](#)

Phase 2- Process to Apply for the ECE Grant in Ohio Benefits

INTRODUCTION

Utilizing the Ohio Benefits system should result in the following family and administrative improvements:

- Families will have one entry point for all early care and education programs and may have access to additional resources within the Ohio Benefits system.
- To support families, ECE Providers and CDJFS staff will utilize a streamlined application process for ECE, Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC), and the Childcare Choice Voucher program (CCVP).

- Enrollments in multiple programs can be managed to effectively guarantee that duplication services do not overlap while ensuring the maximum funding is available for all families.

ELIGIBILITY VS. ENROLLMENT

Eligibility is determined by the CDJFS, which processes the application and obtains appropriate documentation to determine whether the family meets the criteria for ECE Grant funding. The CDJFS will determine eligibility through the Ohio Benefits system.

Enrollment is completed by the ECE Grantee, who determines admission for an ECE slot at a designated ECE site location.

- Families must complete a Child Care Assistance application for ECE Grant funding. All early care and education services applications will start with determining eligibility for PFCC and CCVP. The ECE Grant will be explored if ineligible for PFCC and CCVP.
- ECE Grantee Providers will be responsible for enrolling a child, but early care and education Services eligibility does not guarantee enrollment at a grantee site.
- The family should contact their desired program to ensure there is space available for their child.

ECE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS IN OHIO BENEFITS

Effective **October 1, 2024**, families interested in participating in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grant program must complete a full application. This application may be completed in two ways:

1. Applying through the Ohio Benefits Self Service Portal (SSP). Visit Self-Service Portal (SSP) at <https://ssp.benefits.ohio.gov/apspssp/ssp.portal>.
2. Completing a paper JFS 07200 and submitting it to the county agency. Print or download the JFS 07200 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Cash Assistance, Medical and/or Child Care Assistance Application at <https://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/JFS07200/pdf/>. This form should be submitted to the local County Department of Job and Family Services. To download the form in different languages, go to <https://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/> and enter 07200 in the search bar.

ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTS

ECE Grantees can help a family prepare for submitting their Early Care and Education (Child Care Assistance) applications by having them gather the following documents:

- Proof of US Citizenship or qualified non-citizen for the child
- Proof of Income* or any other money coming into the household (such as pay statements, tax records, award letters, child support)
- Proof of any Child Support paid for children not living with the applicant
- Categorical Eligibility, if not income:
 - a) IEP signature page

- b) Active Case Plan, Family Service Plan or receiving Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI)
- c) Zero Income Statement

CHILD APPLICATION WORKFLOW

1. The first step for a family to receive ECE Grant funding is to determine if the program has an opening for their child. If there is an opening, a family should collect the ECE Grantee's site location license number.
2. The family will apply through the Ohio Benefits Self Service Portal (SSP) or by completing a paper [07200 form](#) and submitting it to the county agency.
3. The CDJFS will process the family's application. The CDJFS caseworker will contact the family if there are questions or if additional information is needed. If the family applies through the Ohio Benefits Self-Service Portal, they will be able to see the application status. The family will need to share their status with the grantee.
4. The CDJFS worker will assist the families in determining the best overall early care and education services for them based on eligibility. Families can decide what best meets their needs (See the Early Care and Education Services Requirement Chart at the end of this document for more information on specific program requirements). Funding selection is determined in the following order:
 - a. PFCC or CCVP at any program with a provider agreement
 - b. ECE Grant at an ECE Grantee location and additional PFCC or CCVP at a non-highly rated program with a provider agreement
 - c. ECE Grant only at an ECE Grantee location
5. The grantee can log into their TAP/KinderConnect account for updates on children authorized to their site.

TIPS FOR GRANTEES: SUPPORTING A FAMILY WITH ECE GRANT ELIGIBILITY

- Sit with the family to complete the paper or online application. Help the family gather **eligibility documentation**. Grantees should not be chosen as an authorized representative for the family they plan to serve but can assist with the application process.
- Provide the **site license number** and program name.
- Encourage the family to use the **Ohio Benefits Self-Service Portal**. The portal's benefits include application transparency, as the system allows families to track the application, and increased efficiency, as documents can be received with the application, making it more likely to be complete.
- Share with the family that the **Child Care Assistance** application includes ECE Grant funding, even though it uses the term Child Care Assistance.

- Eligibility for early care and education program results will be shared with the family if they are eligible for early care and education services. Grantees can provide the [DCY 01115 Early Care and Education Services Release of Information](#) form, which allows the grantee to have some information on eligibility determination and the status of an application.
- County agencies use the term **caretaker** to mean the father or mother of a child, an adult who has legal custody of a child, an adult who is the guardian of a child, or an adult who stands in place of a parent.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

DCY Website

[Department of Children and Youth | Ohio.gov](#)

Early Childhood Education Grant Application Update

[DCY Guidance Letter 24-023- ECE Eligibility Determination.pdf \(ohio.gov\)](#)

Child Care Payment Assistance

<https://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/DCY01309/pdf/>

Early Care and Education Eligibility

<https://childrenandyouth.ohio.gov/for-partners/rules-and-resources/06-early-care-and-education-eligibility>

DCY 01115 Early Care and Education Services Release of Information

odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES REQUIREMENTS CHART

Requirements	PFCC	CCC	ECE
Income	At or below 145% FPL* (150% for families with a child that has special needs.**) (Homeless and Protective)	Between 146-200% FPL*	At or below 200% FPL* (Categorically and presumptive eligibility.***)
Qualifying Activity	Required for all caretakers	Required for all caretakers	Not required for any caretaker
Ages Served	Children birth-13 years old (0-18 for special needs)	Children birth-13 years old (0-18 for special needs)	Children 3-5 years old & not Kindergarten eligible
US Citizen (child only)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Service Providers	Providers with a signed Provider Agreement (based on availability)	Providers with a signed Provider Agreement (based on availability)	Highly-Rated program awarded the ECE grant and have a signed Provider Agreement
Allowable Service Hours	Up to 60+ weekly	Up to 60+ weekly	2 ½ - 5 hours only
Approval/ Authorization	12-months or the end of the eligibility	12-months or the end of the eligibility	Through the end of June regardless of eligibility
Co-Payment (Family's responsibility)	Determined by income & family size (Families may have a copayment they will pay to their program.)	No co-payment with eligibility (Additional costs may be required by the provider.)	No co-payment with eligibility (Additional costs may be required by the provider.)
Must Reapply	Yes. Every 12-months	Yes. Every 12-months	No. Eligible until the child enters kindergarten or family no longer needs

*FPL = Federal Poverty Levels can be found <https://benefits.ohio.gov/home/resources/assistance-programs> under the Early Care and Education Services tab, *Family Size – Income Guideline Chart*.

** **Special needs**, a child with chronic health conditions or does not meet age-appropriate expectations of development.

***Children may be categorically eligible for ECE services if the child has an individualized education plan (IEP), the child is in kinship or foster care with an active case plan, or the family is homeless. Children receiving SNAP, Cash Assistance, or Medicaid may meet presumptive eligibility. The family's income will not be used to determine eligibility when the child meets one of the above. Citizenship must be verified for the child(ren) needing services.

Qualifying Activity Working or in school ([Qualifying Activities for the PFCC Program](#))
Highly Rated Step Up To Quality Silver or Gold