

Frequently Asked Questions

Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition 2017

The Children's System of Care (CSOC) is pleased to announce that we will be able to provide Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition to eligible children, youth and young adults under 21 years of age.

As with all services provided through CSOC, Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition is based on available resources in a given fiscal year. The amount available per youth is capped, and may vary by year and by the number of families that apply.

CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition should be a last resort. Families and caregivers are encouraged to look for tuition help from other sources, such as:

- Local recreation departments
- Local civic groups
- Asking camp providers about scholarships

CSOC will provide Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition only for camps on the qualified provider (QP) list.

Since CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition is not guaranteed, families/caregivers should consider their financial ability to pay the balance that exceeds the CSOC tuition cap. Families/caregivers are responsible for the cost of summer camp tuition minus any financial support provided by CSOC.

Is there a deadline to apply for Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition?

Yes. Applications for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition will be accepted through April 30, 2017. **The application must be postmarked or received by April 30, 2017.**

Who is eligible for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition?

A youth is eligible for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition if:

1. **The youth is deemed eligible for CSOC developmental disability (DD) services.**
2. The youth is under the age of 21 and will not turn 21 before the end of the camp dates selected for reimbursement.
3. The youth resides in his or her own home, with an uncompensated caregiver.

Youth are eligible for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition only during the period of time in which they are not eligible to attend an extended school-year program.

Who is not eligible to receive CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition?

Youth who reside in community care residences and other out-of-home treatment settings are not eligible for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition. This includes but is not limited to youth living in:

- Treatment homes
- Specialty homes
- Skill development homes
- Group homes
- Residential treatment centers
- Psychiatric community homes

How do I apply for Financial Support toward Summer Camp?

The family or caregiver must register the youth with the camp before starting the request for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition.

The family or caregiver is required to provide the following documentation to PerformCare:

1. The completed paper **Application for Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition 2017** (PDF) mailed to PerformCare.

OR

An internet/electronic application submission through the PerformCare website's Family Portal, located here: <http://www.performcarenj.org/families/disability/summer-camp.aspx>

2. A copy of the completed camp registration form, or a letter from the camp (on camp letterhead) indicating that the youth is registered for the qualified camp.

Camps must be from the Department of Children and Families qualified provider list.

The completed paper application should be mailed to:

PerformCare

ATTN: Camp Financial Support
300 Horizon Drive, Suite 306
Robbinsville, NJ 08691-1919.

The application must be postmarked or received by April 30, 2017.

Once the required information is received, applications will be processed on a rolling basis. When an eligibility determination for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp has been made, PerformCare will provide written notification of the outcome (approval/authorization, denial because eligibility criteria are not met, denial due to lack of resources) to the family and camp within 30 days. Notices will be mailed after May 15, 2017.

What is the financial support toward camp?

For summer camp 2017, Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition is for the camp's daily rate, not to exceed **\$80.00 per day** for **day camp** (for a **maximum of 10 days**) and not to exceed **\$133.00 per day** for **overnight camp** (for a **maximum of 6 nights**).

Only qualified provider camps are eligible for financial support. **CSOC will make payments directly to the camps.** Camps will be paid after the youth's camp session ends.

Your child can attend camp longer than 10 days for day camp or 6 nights for overnight camp but the financial support is only for that time period, and not to exceed \$80/day for day camp and \$133/day for overnight camp. **Families/caregivers are responsible for the cost of summer camp tuition minus any financial support provided by CSOC.**

For example:

- Youth A attends day camp for 5 days and camp costs \$50.00 per day. The camp will be reimbursed in the **total amount due** of \$250.00. (5 days X \$50.00)
- Youth B attends day camp for 15 days and camp costs \$100.00 per day. (\$1500.00 total) The camp will be reimbursed for \$800.00. (10 days x \$80.00) **The family/caregiver would be responsible for the remaining balance of \$700.00.**
- Youth C attends overnight camp for 8 nights and camp costs \$200 per night. (\$1600.00 total) The camp will be reimbursed for \$798.00. (6 nights x \$133.00) **The family/caregiver would be responsible for the remaining balance of \$802.00.**

What costs are not covered by CSOC?

CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition does not cover the following costs:

- Camp registration or deposit fees
- Transportation to and from camp
- Trips taken during camp
- Additional days and fees beyond the maximum allowed

Some camps require the family or caregiver to pay all costs in advance. In that case, the camp is responsible for reimbursing the family after the camp has filed the claim and received payment. This process begins after the camp session has ended. **CSOC is not responsible for any promised reimbursements from camps.**

Can I request a one-to-one aide?

For summer camp season 2017, one-to-one aides can be provided to youth deemed eligible for CSOC developmental disability services that would otherwise be unable to participate in camp. The decision to request one-to-one aide services will be made together by the camp provider and the parent or caregiver.

If a one-to-one aide is required, a separate **Application for One-to-One Aide Services for Summer Camp 2017** must be submitted to PerformCare. Families requesting One-to-One Aide Services for Summer Camp must arrange to meet with the qualified camp and complete the Child Adaptive Behavioral Summary (CABS). Preferably, the CABS is completed during the camp registration process and shared with the One-to-One Aide Provider, to allow the camp and agency the time to hire the One-To-One Aide that can support the youth's needs.

The one-to-one aide request is limited to the days financial support for camp is requested. **Financial support for one-to-one aide services is not guaranteed.**

What is the Child Adaptive Behavioral Summary (CABS)?

The CABS is intended to gather information about your child's typical functioning within the last three months. It should reflect, to the extent possible, your child's usual behavior in common daily routines at home, in school, and in the community. It should provide a broad picture of the impact of your child's disability on daily life for both the child and the parent/caregiver.

Please note that the CABS will be used for all youth under the age of 21 who will be attending a Children's System of Care (CSOC) qualified summer day camp and are requesting One-to-One Aide Services.

Can I request my own one-to-one aide?

Only one-to-one aide providers qualified by the NJ Children's System of Care can be requested. The qualified one-to-one aide provider list is available on the PerformCare website at: <http://www.performcarenj.org/families/disability/summer-camp.aspx>.

For more information about the One-To-One Aides, please refer to the **Application Instructions for One-to-One Aide Services for Summer Camp 2017**.

Is a youth enrolled in a care management organization (CMO) eligible for camp assistance?

A youth eligible for developmental disability services and enrolled in a CMO is eligible for financial support toward summer camp tuition. An application must be submitted through PerformCare to request either financial assistance and/or request a one-to-one aide.

What happens if my selected camp becomes unqualified?

If a youth is registered for a camp that becomes unqualified, applicants will be given the opportunity to select and register for another camp on the qualified provider list.

When will I be notified about the outcome of my application for financial support Toward Summer Camp tuition and/or One-to-One Aide Services for Summer Camp?

Notices will be mailed after May 15, 2017.

What if I still have questions about camp?

If you have questions about financial support toward summer camp, please call PerformCare at **1-877-652-7624**.