



Dear Discovery Link families,

We have been thankful to be in a position to offer many robust scholarships for families that need assistance in paying for our services. Over the course of the last year, we have had multiple factors affect our budget and fiscal ability to continue to provide the same level of financial assistance. This change requires us to make some changes to our financial assistance program for families. We understand that financial assistance processes can be stressful for your family. We feel it is imperative for our department to put some structures around our scholarship process now to ensure the longevity of the program.

For the 2017-2018 school year and moving forward, here are the changes you can anticipate:

- All families needing assistance will be required to apply for CCAP (Colorado Child Care Assistance Program) first. If you are denied services by CCAP or put on the waitlist please submit this denial/waitlist letter to us with your financial assistance application to be eligible to apply for assistance through Discovery Link. This is a valuable resource for families and it is common throughout the state to require this.
- All families will be required to apply for financial assistance every school year even if they have previously received financial support.
- The amount of financial assistance awarded to each family will be impacted by the overall amount of available funds and may be different than in previous years.

You can find more information as well as apply for CCAP at:

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-human-services/programs/children-and-families/childcare-assistance.html>

If your family's circumstances prevent you from applying for CCAP, please speak to the Program Specialist at your site.

We recommend you apply for CCAP in early July. Our scholarship application will be available in mid to late July.

If you have any additional questions please contact Dia, Cathy or Margaret in our main office at 720-423-1781.

Respectfully,

Discovery Link Administrative Team