

When your employer participates in the Tri-Share Child Care Pilot Program (MI Tri-Share), and you are eligible to participate, you can receive these child care benefits as a parent of a child 0-17.

Affordable Care

Three entities share the cost of your child's care: You, your employer, and the State of Michigan. When your employer participates in Tri-Share and you qualify, **your child care cost is reduced by 66%!**

Your Choice of Provider

Any licensed child care provider can be used to provide care for any child age 0-17 with MI Tri-Share. This includes, but is not limited to preschool, child care, before and after school care, and summer programs.

Convenience

Payment for child care is made directly to your provider through your Tri-Share hub, The United Way of Northwest Michigan. Your employer will deduct your 1/3 of child care cost from your earnings to make this payment for you.

More Connections

Don't have a child care provider? You've got help. Participating in Tri-Share gives you expedited access to child care providers with the **Great Start to Quality Northwest Resource Center**. Parents will be part of a network of other parents participating in Tri-Share with access to unique learning opportunities and connection to fun family activities across the region through **5toONE** and **Great Start Parents**.



Where to Start

Visit 5toONE.org/Connect to connect to Tri-Share. After you find your employer from our listing, you can enter information about your family and your child care situation.

What's Next

Once you **apply through 5toONE.org**, your information will be processed to determine your eligibility. You can expect to be notified when we've received your information to better understand next steps. We will reach out again when you are accepted or declined for the program. **Supports and connection will be extended in either situation.**

Eligibility

Eligible employers must be located in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, or Wexford counties. **There is no residency requirement for employees or child care providers.**

Eligible employees will have household income between 185% and 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) relative to the number of individuals in the household (see schedule below). Families earning below these thresholds could be eligible instead for the [Child Development and Care Program](#) (commonly called the child care subsidy) through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Employer Not Signed Up Yet?

Give your employer or HR department this sheet.
Contact: **Kristina Bajtka**
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Are you a parent with questions?

Contact: **Missy Smith**
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Tri-Share Program Eligibility 2022

Household Size	Minimum - Maximum Income	Household Size	Minimum - Maximum Income
2 people	\$33,874 - \$54,930	6 people	\$68,802 - \$111,570
3 people	\$42,606 - \$69,090	7 people	\$77,534 - \$125,730
4 people	\$51,338 - \$83,250	8 people	\$86,266 - \$139,890
5 people	\$60,070 - \$97,410		

Does your family income fall below these ranges? [Apply for the Child Development and Care Program.](#)

