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MONTESSORI & ARTS LEARNING CENTER

### Financial Assistance Application Information

The Garden is unable to accept childcare subsidies but, in the interest of serving as many children as possible, have adopted a Financial Assistance Program for families in need of aid in order for their child to attend our programs.

The Garden utilizes the same criteria as NC DHHS in order to determine financial assistance.

Eligibility is determined by the following factors:

- Parent(s) are working or attempting to find work and receiving unemployment insurance.
- Parent(s) are in school or in a job training program.
- Child is receiving child protective services.
- Child needs part-time care to support child welfare services or if your family is experiencing a crisis.
- Your child has developmental needs\*

Families are required to pay a percentage of the tuition based on gross monthly income. Percentage is determined by the following factors:

- Family Size
- Maximum Gross Monthly Income
- Developmental Need\*

During your certification period if your income increases above the 85% SMI limit for your family size please report the increase to The Garden Administration. Eligibility is valid for twelve (12) months for services, provided the family remains eligible. Families are required to report changes in circumstances affecting their eligibility within 5 business days.

Circumstances that affect eligibility are:

- Marriage, separation, or divorce
- Change in family size
- Change of job or work shift or in the number of hours or days employed
- Increase or decrease in income from employment, child support, or any other source
- Loss of employment, including leave of absence or temporary layoff
- Change in school enrollment or attendance
- Child receiving services moves out of the home or
- Change of address

Eligibility will be reassessed annually in January of each calendar year.