



Gwasanaethau Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd  
Family Information Service



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# Support for parents and financial help with childcare costs

[www.cymru.gov.uk](http://www.cymru.gov.uk)

## *Child tax credit*

Child Tax Credit supports families with children. You can claim whether or not you are in work. It may be used to cover your childcare costs, but it is not specifically a payment for childcare.

Your local Family Information Service can give you more information about what you may be entitled to. They can also signpost you to other organisations which may be able to help.

## *Working tax credit*

Working Tax Credit supports working people (whether employed or self employed) on low incomes by topping up their earnings.

## *Childcare element of working tax credit*

With the Childcare Element of Working Tax Credit you may be able to get extra help with the costs of registered or approved childcare.

## *Assisted places and helping hands schemes*

Some of these schemes provide extra money to support disabled children and children with additional needs with access to childcare provision. These schemes also help families on low income or specific benefits so they can afford quality childcare.

## *Free part-time early education places*

All 3 and 4 year olds in Wales are entitled to free part-time early education places.

## Childcare Vouchers

Some employers may support employees by providing them with Childcare Vouchers.

## Extra Financial Help

Child Tax Credit can include extra money for disabled children. Working Tax Credit can include help with childcare costs.

Disability Living Allowance can be claimed for a child with a severe physical or mental illness or disability, if, due to their illness, they need much more help or looking after than other children of the same age.

## Child Maintenance

Changes to Child maintenance have also been introduced as part of the wider Welfare Reform. Free online advice tailored to your needs is available via the 'Sorting Out Separation' web app.

<http://www.cmoptions.org/en/sortingoutseparation/>

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**This information is correct as of March 2013. Universal Credit will be introduced in the near future. For more information, please contact your Family Information Service.**

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## Student Finance Wales

Higher Education students can apply for a childcare grant if they have dependent children under 15 who are in registered or approved childcare that helps them qualify for the grant, or have dependent children under 17 with special needs and they are in registered or approved childcare that helps them qualify for the grant.

Further Education students can apply for the cost of childcare from a discretionary fund (the Financial Contingency Fund) which is administered by their Further Education institution. Further details can be obtained from the relevant support office at the institution.