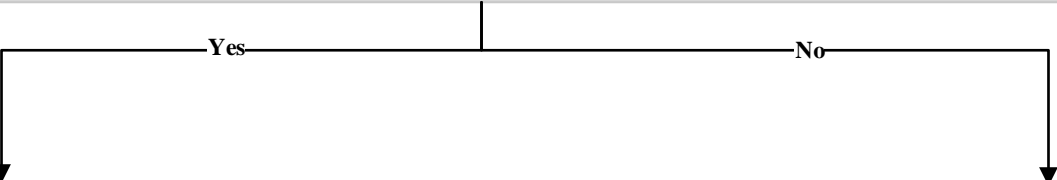# Child Care P-EBT Eligibility Flowchart

Child Care Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is a food assistance program for households that receive Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) and have children 5 years old and younger to help purchase food during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is no application for P-EBT. P-EBT eligibility will be determined each month based on the child's age and status of the FNS case. If the child is no longer included in an active FNS case, P-EBT benefits will end with the last month of FNS.
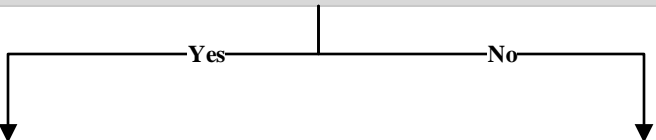
Follow the chart below to see if your child is eligible for P-EBT benefits for any given month between September 2021 and May 2022.

Is your child 5 years old or younger as of September 1, 2021?

Yes →

No →

Your child is **not eligible** for Child Care P-EBT because they over the age of 6.

Does your child belong to a household with an active FNS case?

Yes →

No →

Your child **is eligible** for Child Care P-EBT.

Your child is **not eligible** for Child Care P-EBT because they are not included in an active FNS case.

IMPORTANT:

Eligibility will be checked for **each benefit month.**

How can I apply for FNS?

Apply online with ePASS.

Or

Apply in person at your county Department of Social Services (DSS) office.

Or

Fill out a paper application and mail to/drop off at your county DSS office.

IMPORTANT:

If your household applies for FNS and receives approval, children 5 years old and younger in that household will receive Child Care P-EBT **from the month of case opening** through the end of the school year if the case remains active.

Benefits will **not be** issued back to the beginning of the school year for new FNS cases.