

Welfare of Parents and Children

1. Nursery Schools

Children who cannot be cared for at home during the day due to reasons such as both parents working, childbirth, illness, disaster and caring for a sick person can be enrolled in a nursery school. Please ask us about daycare fees and admission procedures.

- Requirements for admission

Preschool children aged six months or older (if parents desire nursery care for their baby immediately after the mother's maternity leave is over, children may be admitted from the age of fifty-seven days) who fulfill any of the following requirements are eligible.

- (1) If the parents work (more than 16 days a month or 4 hours or more per day).
- (2) The child(ren) cannot be cared for because the mother is about to bear another child or has just delivered another child
- (3) The parents or guardian are unable to care for the child(ren) due to illness or the like
- (4) The parents or guardian cannot care for the child(ren) because they have to nurse a sick or mentally or physically incapacitated person (child)
- (5) The household has gone through a disaster such as an earthquake or fire
- (6) In case of the impossibility to take care of children due to activities to find a job
- (7) In case of the impossibility to take care of children because is enrolled in a school or in a professional school

- Hours of operation

--7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Yurinokidai Nursery School and Yachiyodai-Minami Nursery School are open until 8 p.m. (except on Saturdays).

- Childcare hours

Standard-duration childcare: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Short-duration childcare: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Use of childcare beyond the respective time allotments is treated as overtime childcare and will be subject to an extra fee.

(¥200 per thirty-minute period)

Childcare time allotments and overtime childcare at private nursery schools are defined differently depending on the facility.

- For other things as temporary custody, holiday child care, sick children care or sickness recovering children care, contact us.

2. Regional Childcare Support Centers

Owada and Katsutadai Step 21 Children Support Center and other three children education regional centers are basic facilities to support children education and give continuous support since pregnancy, childbirth and childhood.

■ List of Regional Childcare Support Centers

Name	Address	Tel
Tanpopo (inside Murakami-Kita Nursery School)	2-19 Murakami-Danchi	482-0925

Koara (inside Takatsu-Minami Nursery School)	390-277 Takatsu	450-0942
Aiai (In Yachiyodai Nursery School) *Currently closed	1-19-6 Yachiyodai Higashi	482-0952
Children's Support Center Step 21 Katsutadai(Katsudai Minami Elementary School)	Katsutadai 5-9	487-4827
Children's Support Center Step 21 Owada	2277 Kayada	486-7455

Note: The target is pregnant women, children from newborns to preschool age, and their parents or guardians

3. After-School Childcare

- Eligibility

For families of students of Elementary school where both parents work or for any other reasons, cannot take care of them after school hours.

- Childcare hours

On school days at elementary schools, from the end of the school day until 7 p.m. The assistance time (Saturday, school holiday, etc.) is from 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

- Childcare fee: ¥8,000 Note: Extra money for snacks, etc.

- To apply: Submit your application to the **after-school childcare center or the Childrearing Support Division.**

4. Child Consultation Center (inside the Children and Welfare Division) 「 Comprehensive Support Center for Children's Families 」

Specialized advisors as health nurses, social care workers and licensed teachers can give support by telephone, visits and personal advice as “children general consultant desk”.

- Eligibility: Pregnant women, children under 18 years of age and their family.

- Consultation days: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Note: Closed on public holidays and year-end and New Year's holidays

- Inquiries: ☎047-484-2954, 047-421-6755

FAX 047-482-9094

5. Child Allowance

A national scheme based on the Child Allowance Act, the child allowance is aimed at parents or guardians who are raising children until the third year of junior high school.

Category	Monthly amount
Under three years old	For all children: ¥15,000
Children from three years of age up to the end of elementary school	First and second children: ¥10,000 Third and subsequent children: ¥15,000
Junior high school children	For all children: ¥10,000

Children of parents with income above the average income. Note: Income limit reference: Annual revenue of 9.6 million yen for a household with three dependents	For all children: ¥5,000
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※ If the income is above the average income range (annual average income for a family with three people is 12 million yen), the children will not receive the support.

- Eligibility (qualifications)

Parent(s) or guardian raising children until the third year of junior high school who economically support the household

- Application

Submit a **child allowance request form**, which is available at the Children and Welfare Division as well as branch offices and liaison offices.

Complete the application procedure **within 15 days** of your child's date of birth, expected date of moving out from municipality, or other changes.

Note: You may miss some payments if your application is late.

☆ Civil servants are to apply at their place of work.

- Required items

- A document indicating the bank account of the applicant (passbook, etc.)

- Identity verification document such as residence card which indicates national identity number card of your father and mother.

- Depending on family environment, the other documents might be required

6. Child Medical Expense Subsidy

Medical expenses for treatments of children up to the third year of junior high school covered by **health insurance**, are subsidized either in part or completely.

- Subsidy content

Medical expenses for the hospitalization, outpatient visits, and prescriptions for children from newborns up to the third year of junior high school

Medical expenses for hospitalization of high school students.

- Personally borne amount

For hospitalization or outpatient visits: ¥300 per day. However, there is no personally borne amount if the parents or guardian is exempt from resident's tax (income-levy portion).

Medical expenses for hospitalization of high school students is 300 yen per day.

- Procedure

If you wish to receive medical care for your child at a medical institution in Chiba Prefecture, simply submit your child's health insurance card and medical subsidy certificate at the counter.

※ Since high school students will not receive a receipt, a grant application is required.

If you submitted your child's health insurance card only, or if you received medical care for your child outside Chiba Prefecture, you will need to apply for the subsidy (reimbursement) at a later date.

- Applications

Prepare all the required application documents and bring them to the Children and Welfare Division, a branch office, or a liaison office. You can also submit them by mail.

△Applying for the medical subsidy certificate: You must file your application **within one month of the birth of your child or from your moving-in date. (If you file after a month or more, you are paid the subsidy from the date of filing.)**

△Applying for the subsidy (reimbursement):

Your application must be filed within **two years** of the day after the date the medical expenses were paid.

- Items required for application

△Application for medical subsidy certificate: Your seal, application form and a copy of **your child's health insurance card**

Document indicating your bank account (passbook, etc.)

Depending on family environment, the other documents might be required

△Application for subsidy (reimbursement)

※For high school students, etc., a copy of the child's health insurance card is required (not required for those with national health insurance).

※Other documents may be required depending on the content of the application.

7. Child Support Allowance

This is a national program that pays an allowance to a parent or guardian of a child in households without a father or mother (divorced, widowed, unmarried, father or mother disabled to a certain degree, etc.).

A monthly allowance of up to ¥44, 140 (as of April 1, 2023) is paid to the household, with increments for additional children. However, restrictions apply based on income. You need to apply to receive the allowance.

- Eligibility (qualifications)

Parent/guardian in household raising a child without a father or mother, until the first fiscal year end after the child reaches his/her eighteenth birthday (or until a day before the child reaches his/her twentieth birthday, in the case of a child with a certain level of disability)

- Application

Prepare all the required documents and bring them to **the Children and Welfare Division**.

- Documents required

A request for the approval of child support allowance, copy of family register (parent's and child's)

Additional documents are required depending on why the household is a single-father or single-mother household.

8. Medical Subsidies for Single-Parent Households

This subsidy covers a portion of expenses for **medical treatment covered by health insurance** received at medical institutions by a parent/guardian (caregiver) and children in single-parent households. Amount excluding 300 yen per day of hospitalization and one visit (no payment if it is exempt of the municipal tax income). However, income restrictions similar to those for the child support allowance apply.

- Eligibility (qualifications)

Parent/guardian and child(ren) in single-parent households raising a child(ren) up to the first fiscal year end after the child reaches his/her eighteenth birthday (or until a day before the child reaches his/her twentieth birthday in the case of a child with a certain level of disability).

- Application

Prepare all the required documents and bring them to the **Children and Welfare Division**.

- Documents required

An application for the approval of medical subsidies for single-parent households and a copy of your health insurance card. Additional documents are required depending on why the household is a single-parent household.

9. Child short stay project

If the parents are sick (excluding infectious diseases) or due to the reason of the child birth, the family faces difficulties to raise children, we will keep the child overnight. However, if child or people around him/her have infectious disease, this service is unavailable.

- Object Child(ren) under 3 years old who is city resident

- Period of use Within 7 days at a time

- Usage fee ¥5,350 for under 2 years old and ¥2,750 for 2 to 3 years old

Note: ¥1,100 for under 2 years old and ¥1,000 for 2 to 3 years old of municipal tax exempt household. Free for welfare recipient

Note: The price is calculated as 1 person per day

- Facility Nursery Hohyu baby home / Kamikorya 157

- To apply Application procedure will be instructed at child consultation center, after checking availability of facilities.

Note: Requirements for application: Your seal, maternity health record book, child's insurance card, copy of child's medical expense assisting ticket (or municipal tax exempt certification of the previous address for tax-exempt household who moved-in since January 2)

※ It was canceled in 2021, as corona virus infection prevention.

10. Other Types of Support

For the following types of support, please contact the Child Nursery Division.

- Everyday life support for single-parent households

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- Independence support subsidy for single-mother households

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- Single-mother, single-father, widow welfare fund loans

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- Children education. Free children care allowance

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