FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: October 4, 2019

Child Care Assistance Program

Minnesota’s Child Care Assistance Programs (CCAP) can help make quality child care affordable for eligible families. There are options for families receiving public assistance through the Minnesota Family Investment Program or Diversionary Work Program and other income eligible families.

Child care assistance for MFIP and DWP families

The Minnesota Family Investment (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) Child Care Assistance Program can help make quality child care affordable while families work, go to school or complete other activities in their employment plan.

The programs help families pay for child care for Children 12 or younger and/or Children 14 or younger who have special needs.

• To qualify, your family income must meet income guidelines for your family size.
• Participate in activities authorized in your MFIP or DWP plan including work, looking for work or attending school
• Cooperate with child support requirements for any children who have a parent living outside their home
• Choose an eligible child care provider who is registered with the county where you reside.

Basic Sliding Fee

The Basic Sliding Fee program can help families pay for child care while they look for work, go to work, or attend training or school to prepare for work.

Some counties may have a waiting list for this program. Counties get a set amount of money to use each year. It is provided on a first come-first served basis until funds are allocated fully. Additional applicants are put on a waiting list. If more funds become available, the county will contact you. Crow Wing County does not currently have a waiting list.

The program helps families pay for child care for:

• Children 12 or younger
• Children 14 or younger who have special needs.
• To qualify, families applying for Basic Sliding Fee must have gross annual income that is at or below the entrance level.
• Participate in authorized activities including work, looking for work or attending school
• Cooperate with child support requirements for any children who have a parent living outside their home.
• Choose an eligible child care provider who is registered with the county where you reside.

For more information, contact Crow Wing County Community Services at 218-824-1250 and ask for Child care worker.
Community Services administers more than seventy federal and state benefit and assistance services and programs to residents in Crow Wing County. The Department is dedicated to providing excellent service and efficient management in performing its mission of promoting and protecting the health, well-being and self-sufficiency of all Crow Wing County residents.

####

Kara Terry
Community Services
204 Laurel Street
Brainerd, MN 56401
Office: (218) 824-1140
Fax: (218) 824-1305
www.crowwing.us

Our Vision: Being Minnesota’s favorite place.
Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.