

Child Care and Parent Services (CAPS) non-stimulus funds

- Child Care program designed to help low income families afford safe quality child care.
- The CAPS program subsidizes the cost of child care for children who are US citizens or legal residents and under age 13. The age can be extended to 18 if the child has special needs
- The parent, guardian, or responsible persons must be participating in at least one of the following state approved activities:
 - Employment (24 or more hours per week);
 - Education (fulltime enrollment in High school)
 - Training (enrolled in Tech school 24 or more hours per week)
- The parent, guardian or responsible person may have to contribute to the cost of care by paying an assessed fee based on their annual gross income and the number of children receiving child care.
- A person may inquiry about child care services at **Lowndes County DFCS, 206 South Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia, ph#: 229.333.5200**

Income Requirements

Maximum Allowable Family Income for CAPS Eligibility

Number in Family Unit	Gross Annual Income Limit*
1	\$20,800
2	\$28,000
3	\$35,200
4	\$42,400
5	\$49,600

Temporary Child Care Assistance (TCCA) stimulus funds

- Funds were provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the program is time limited as funds will end September 30, 2010. **Great resource for summer programs!**
- TCCA services children who are US citizens or legal residents and under age 13. The age can be extended to 18 if the child has special needs
- The parent, guardian, or responsible persons must be participating in at least one of the following state approved activities:
 - job readiness training
 - vocational training (full or part-time)
 - college
 - underemployed (working 15 to 23 hours per week)
- Have income that is with in the guidelines (family of 4 must earn less than \$42,400)
- The parent, guardian or responsible person does not have to contribute to the cost of care.
- **Apply on-line at www.compass.ga.gov**
- **For additional information call 1-866-371-8222**