

Northumberland College

Care to Learn



Learner Information 2009/2010

Care to Learn allows eligible learners to receive financial childcare support over the course of an academic year. Care to Learn will pay up to £160 per child per week from August 2009 – July 2010 for:

- Childcare while you learn, are on placement, doing private study or travelling to/from your childcare provider
- Any registration fees (up to £80) and any deposit normally charged (up to £250)
- A childcare taster and/or settling your child in before the learning starts
- Childcare fees you may need to pay during the holidays
- Additional travel costs you may have to pay in order to take your child to the childcare provider

Eligibility Criteria

A young parent can get help with their childcare if they are:

- Under 20 years of age
- On a course that they started before they were 20
- On a course that receives some public funding
- At a college, school or other course
- A non-employed trainee on work based learning
- Caring for their own child/children
- Using registered childcare

Care to Learn will not affect your own or your family's benefit or allowances and you do not have to be on benefits in order to claim it.

You could also get up to £30 per week in Education Maintenance Allowance at the same time as being eligible for Care to Learn.

How to Apply

Application forms are available from the Info Zone, by calling 0800 121 8989 or can be downloaded from www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn

You can access help and support when completing the application form by visiting the Info Zone or contacting 01670 841200.

You will receive a letter (within five working days from the date the application is received) notifying you if you are eligible for support.

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