

CSOC Summer Camp Services 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

For 2026, the Children's System of Care (CSOC) will be providing Summer Camp Services to eligible children, youth, and young adults under 21 years of age. These services include Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition and One-to-One Aide Services for Summer Camp. Your child must be determined eligible for Developmental Disability services by CSOC and registered for a Qualified Camp prior to submitting the application for CSOC Summer Camp Services.

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) and CSOC are offering Alternative Recreational Sessions (ARS) as an additional component of Summer Camp. ARS provides youth an opportunity to engage in a recreational activity with peers within the community, on a per-session basis, rather than a full day of camp. This shorter time frame will increase camp access for youth who may benefit from a brief structured period compared to a longer camp day.

To apply for ARS, please complete the CSOC Summer Camp Services Paper Application Form.

If the Qualified Camp has determined your child will require the assistance of a One-to-One Aide/Advocate to attend camp, you should also contact the One-to-One Aide Provider Agency to make sure the agency you selected can staff your request. The list of CSOC-approved Qualified Camps and One-to-One Aide providers can be found at:

<http://www.performcarenj.org/summercamp>.

Part A — Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition

As with all services provided through CSOC, Summer Camp Services are based on available resources in a given fiscal year. The Financial Support toward Summer Camp that is available per youth is limited to a specific amount. In addition, Financial Support may vary by year and by the number of families that apply.

CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition should be a last resort. Families and caregivers are encouraged to look for tuition help from other sources, such as local recreation departments, local civic groups, and asking camp providers about scholarships.

CSOC will provide Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition only for camps on the Qualified Camp list.

Since CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition is not guaranteed, families/caregivers should consider their financial ability to pay the balance that exceeds the CSOC tuition cap. Families/caregivers are responsible for the cost of summer camp tuition minus any financial support provided by CSOC. CSOC will not provide payment for camp and One-to-One Aide Services that were not rendered due to a youth's absence. Parents should discuss youth absence policies with their chosen CSOC camp provider.

Q. Is there a deadline to apply for Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition?

Yes. Your application must be complete and postmarked/received no later than June 30, 2026, to be considered for financial support. Applications will not be accepted after the June 30 deadline.

Q. Who is eligible for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition?

A youth is eligible for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition if:

- 1. The youth is deemed eligible for CSOC developmental disability (DD) services.**
2. The youth is under the age of 21 and will not turn 21 before the end of the camp dates selected for reimbursement.
3. The youth resides at home with a caregiver.

Youth are eligible for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition only during the period of time in which they are not eligible to attend an extended school-year program.

Q. Who is not eligible to receive CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition?

Youth who reside in community care residences and other out-of-home treatment settings are not eligible for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition.

This includes but is not limited to youth living in treatment homes, specialty homes, skill development homes, group homes, residential treatment centers, and psychiatric community homes.

Q. What is the financial support toward camp?

For summer camp 2026, Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition is for the **camp's rate**, not to exceed:

- **\$128.57 per day** for **day camp** (for a **maximum of 10 days**)
- **\$213.76 per day** for **overnight camp** (for a **maximum of 6 nights**)
- **\$64.28 per session** for **ARS** (for a **maximum of 20 sessions, minimum of 2 hours each session**)
- **\$128.57 per day** for **day camp** and **\$64.28 per session** for **ARS** (for a **maximum of 5 days** of day camp and **10 ARS sessions**)

Only Qualified Camp Providers are eligible for financial support. CSOC will make payments directly to the camps. Camps will be paid after the youth's camp session ends.

Your child can attend camp longer than the time frames specified above, but the financial support is only for that time period, and not to exceed the limits stated above. **Families/caregivers are responsible for the cost of summer camp tuition minus any financial support provided by CSOC.**

For example:

- Youth A attends day camp for 5 days, and camp costs \$50 per day. The camp will be reimbursed in the **total amount due of \$250 (5 days X \$50).**
- Youth B attends day camp for 15 days, and camp costs \$100 per day (\$1,500 total). The camp will be reimbursed for \$1,285.70 (10 days x \$128.57). **The family/caregiver would be responsible for the remaining balance of \$214.30.**
- Youth C attends overnight camp for 8 nights, and camp costs \$200 per night (\$1,600 total). The camp will be reimbursed for \$1,282.56 (6 nights x \$213.76). **The family/caregiver would be responsible for the remaining balance of \$317.44.**
- Youth D attends ARS for 28 sessions, and each session costs \$50 (\$1,400 total). The camp will be reimbursed for \$1,285.60 (20 sessions x \$64.28). **The family/caregiver would be responsible for the remaining balance of \$114.40.**
- Youth E attends a hybrid day camp for 8 days (camp costs \$100 per day/\$800 total) and attends 14 sessions of ARS (sessions cost \$50 each/\$700 total). The total amount for day camp and ARS is \$1,500. The camp will only be reimbursed for \$1,285.65 (maximum 5 days of day camp x \$128.57 = \$642.85; maximum 10 sessions of ARS x \$64.28 = \$642.80). **The family/caregiver would be responsible for the remaining balance of \$214.35.**

Q. How do I apply for Financial Support toward Summer Camp?

Families can apply for Financial Support either online or through a paper application.

The family or caregiver must register the youth with the CSOC Qualified Camp before starting the Application for CSOC Summer Camp Services (Part A — Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition). Your child must be determined eligible for Developmental Disability services by CSOC, and your camp selection must be from the CSOC Qualified Camps list.

Paper Application

The family or caregiver is required to provide the following documentation to PerformCare:

- **The completed paper Application for Summer Camp Services, Part A — Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition 2026 mailed to PerformCare.** The paper application is available here: <http://www.performcarenj.org/summercamp>.
- A copy of camp registration or acceptance letter from the Qualified Camp should be submitted along with your application.

Online Application

If your child is already registered with PerformCare with a CYBER ID, you can apply online by submitting an internet/electronic application through the PerformCare website's Family Portal located here:

<http://www.performcarenj.org/summercamp>.

Note: If you do not know your child's CYBER ID, please contact PerformCare at **1-877-652-7624**.

Please follow the instructions within the portal for successful submission. Please be sure to click submit at the end of the application to finalize the application for processing. Your application must be submitted by June 30, 2026.

Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be approved for the services requested.

Once the required information is received, applications will be processed on a rolling basis. When an eligibility determination for CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp has been made, PerformCare will provide written notification of the decision's outcome to the family and camp within 30 days. Notices will be mailed after December 1, 2025, and March 1, 2026. The family or caregiver must provide a copy of the approval notification letter to the camp once it is received.

What costs are not covered by CSOC?

CSOC Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition does not cover the following costs:

- Camp registration or deposit fees
- Transportation to and from camp
- Trips taken during camp
- Additional days and fees beyond the maximum allowed and/or approved
- Missed days of camp and/or One-to-One Aide Services

Some camps require the family or caregiver to pay all costs in advance. In that case, the camp is responsible for reimbursing the family after the camp has filed the claim and received payment. This process begins after the camp session has ended. CSOC is not responsible for any promised reimbursements from camps.

Part B — One-to-One Aide Services

ATTENTION: Due to high demand for One-to-One Aides for children attending camp the last two weeks of August, CSOC **cannot guarantee** all requests will be filled. **It is important to apply for a One-to-One Aide as soon as possible if you believe your child will need this level of support.**

Q. Can I request a One-to-One Aide/Advocate?

If the CSOC Qualified Camp you have selected has determined that your child will require the assistance of a One-to-One Aide (advocate) to attend their program, you will be required to complete Part B (Application for

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One-to-One Aide Services) of the Application for CSOC Summer Camp Services.

You and the camp provider must complete the Child Adaptive Behavior Summary (CABS) together on Part B of the Application in order to apply for One-to-One Aide Services. The camp must retain a copy of the jointly completed CABS.

The decision to request One-to-One Aide Services must be made together by the camp provider and the parent or caregiver. One-to-One Aide Services are available for CSOC Qualified Day Camps and Qualified ARS providers only.

The One-to-One Aide request is limited to the days financial support for camp is requested. Financial support for One-to-One Aide Services is not guaranteed. Only qualified CSOC One-to-One Aide providers can be requested. The qualified One-to-One Aide provider list is available on the PerformCare website at:

<http://www.performcarenj.org/summercamp>.

If a One-to-One Aide is required, the parent/caregiver must meet with the CSOC Qualified Camp and complete the CABS. Preferably, the CABS is completed during the camp registration process and **a copy is shared with the qualified One-to-One Aide Provider selected**, to allow the provider the time to hire the One-to-One Aide who can support the youth's needs.

Q. What is the Child Adaptive Behavior Summary (CABS)?

The CABS is intended to gather information about your child's typical functioning within the last three months. It should reflect, to the extent possible, your child's usual behavior in common daily routines at home, in school, and in the community. It should provide a broad picture of the impact of your child's disability on daily life for both the child and the parent/caregiver.

In addition, a copy of the completed CABS must be provided to the identified One-to-One Aide Provider Agency as it provides a broad picture of the impact of the child's disability on daily life for both the child and the caregiver and helps ensure the "best fit" of One-to-One Aide for your child.

Please note that the CABS will be used for all youth under the age of 21 who will be attending a CSOC qualified summer day camp or qualified Alternative Recreational Sessions camp program and are requesting One-to-One Aide Services.

Q. Is a youth enrolled in a care management organization (CMO) eligible for camp assistance?

A youth eligible for developmental disability services and enrolled in a CMO is eligible for Summer Camp Services. An application must be submitted through PerformCare to request either Financial Support toward Summer Camp Tuition and/or request a One-to-One Aide.

The completed paper application should be mailed to:

PerformCare

ATTN: Summer Camp Services
300 Horizon Drive, Suite 306
Robbinsville, NJ 08691-1919

The application must be postmarked or received by June 30, 2026. Notification about the outcomes of your application for Summer Camp Services will be mailed after December 1, 2025, and March 1, 2026.

If you have additional questions about Summer Camp Services, please call PerformCare at **1-877-652-7624**.

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