



# ECC

# Tuition Assistance Program FAQ

## What? What is the ECC Tuition Assistance Program?

This program is a State subsidized tuition childcare program administered by a third party organization, Workforce Solutions Childcare Systems. The purpose of the program is to provide care for children considered to be “At-Risk” due to their socioeconomic status.



## Who? Who is Eligible to Participate in the Program?

Parents of these children must meet certain criteria to participate in the program. Examples of that criteria are (but are not limited to) the following: The parent or parents must (a) live inside of a participating county, (b) be working or going to school at least 25 hours per week and (c) and be in a certain income level to be eligible for this program.

## How? How Does the Program Work?

The State determines an overall tuition rate that is generally 60%-70% of normal rates depending on the age range of the student. Parents of students in the program undergo evaluation and pay a portion of the tuition (as determined by need) with the State paying the remainder of the determined rate. The GSLC Tuition Assistance Program then makes up the 30%-40% difference in the State determined rate and actual tuition rates.

## Why? Why Does the GSLC ECC Participate?

The National At Risk Education Network (NAREN) defines children “At Risk” when, “**Students are placed at-risk when they experience a significant mismatch between their circumstances and needs, and the capacity or willingness of the school to accept, accommodate, and respond to them in a manner that supports and enables their maximum social, emotional and intellectual growth and development.**”



Of the 93 children enrolled, currently our ECC has 19 children whose parents qualify for this program. We participate in the program because we see this as a mission of the church to provide quality, developmental Christian care for those children and families in our community who otherwise could not afford it. **Without this program, parents are put in the position of possibly having to leave their children home alone while they work, leaving younger children with young siblings. Sometimes they are unable to work or go to school at all.**

GSLC has chosen to be a part of this program as part of GSLC’s mission to Be a Presence of Christ in the Community. Adherence to Work Force Solutions Child Care Systems includes non exclusionary participation.