



# Non-Traditional Hours Slots Notice of Application

## Overview

The Non-Traditional Hour (NTH) Slots Pilot Program is a collaboration between the State of Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) Child Care and Development Program (CCDP), Silver State Stars Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS), The Children’s Cabinet, and Las Vegas Urban League Early Childhood Connection. The purpose of this Pilot Program is to increase the number of child care slots available in Nevada during non-traditional hours, increase the quality of care provided during non-traditional hours, and provide subsidy reimbursement at an enhanced rate.

## How to Participate

Licensed center-based care, family child care (FCC), group family child care, and family, friend and neighbor (FFN) providers who are interested in participating in the Non-Traditional Hour Care Slot Pilot Program must complete an application. It is important to keep in mind that the above-listed eligible provider types must be open at least 20 hours per week beyond the traditional hours of 7am – 6pm (Monday – Friday). This could include providing child care on the weekends, state holidays, or during the hours of 6pm – 7am (Monday – Friday).

The completed application should be emailed to [ccdp@dwss.nv.gov](mailto:ccdp@dwss.nv.gov) titled, ‘Non-Traditional Hours Slot Application’ on the subject line. All interested providers must be registered with the Las Vegas Urban League or The Children’s Cabinet and meet the Eligibility Criteria listed below. If a provider needs financial assistance to meet the Eligibility Criteria listed below (or need items to improve their quality), they can apply for a Non-Traditional Hours Quality Improvement Grant by indicating the need for a grant on the NTH Slot Application. Additionally, the Grant must be emailed to [ccdp@dwss.nv.gov](mailto:ccdp@dwss.nv.gov) titled, ‘Non-Traditional Hours Grant Application’ on the subject line.

After your application is received, an validation visit will be scheduled. Until the eligibility criteria can be validated, the application will remain pending and Non-Traditional Hour Slot(s) will not be awarded.

Once the Eligibility Criteria is validated, the Non-Traditional Hour Care Slots Pilot Program Approval Committee will review the child care provider’s capacity and availability to determine the number of slots that will be allocated. Approved providers will be required to sign an amendment to their Child Care Subsidy Service Agreement from Las Vegas Urban League or The Children’s Cabinet prior to being awarded the slots.

After the amendment is executed, child care providers will be able to start filling any awarded slot(s). Approval is until the end of the funding for this pilot program on September 30, 2024.

Each slot is reimbursed at an enhanced rate of \$2,000 per month. Should a child care provider have a child in their care that qualifies for multiple of the available pilot programs, please contact the CCDP to determine which pilot program would best fit the child’s needs.

## Eligibility Criteria

Any provider seeking to participate in the NTH Slots Pilot Program must:

- Slots must be filled with a subsidy-eligible child. Providers that currently serve children during non-traditional hours may move that child into a slot if they meet criteria (does not need to be a new child to the provider)

- Attend one of the mandatory informational webinars.
- Non-traditional Hour Care Slots are open to the following provider types:
  - a. Family, Friend, & Neighbors (FFN)
  - b. Licensed Centers
  - c. Licensed Family Child Care
  - d. Licensed Group Family Child Care
- Applicants must be in good standing with all partners:
  - a. The Child Care & Development Program
  - b. The Children’s Cabinet/Las Vegas Urban League
  - c. Licensing (if applicable)
  - d. QRIS (if applicable)
- Must be open during non-traditional hours (e.g., outside of the hours of 7am-6pm, weekends, and/or on holidays):
  - a. The provider must be open at least twenty (20) hours per week beyond the traditional hours of 7am – 6pm (Monday through Friday).
  - b. The child must attend at least one (1) day of at least four (4) continuous hours during the non-traditional hour timeframe each month, to qualify for payment for the NTH Slot.
- Maintain group size and ratio requirements in compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)/Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)
- The following trainings that have to be taken within the past twelve (12) months from application date for all teachers/staff working during non-traditional hours:
  - a. Pediatric CPR/First Aid (or have a current active certification)
  - b. Safe Sleep
  - c. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- All teachers/staff working during non-traditional hours will participate and complete the following specific non-traditional hours training series (6 hours of Registry-Approved training) once slots are awarded:
  - a. Non-Traditional Hour of Care: Module 1 – Quality Environments
  - b. Non-Traditional Hour of Care: Module 2 – Wellness
  - c. Non-Traditional Hour of Care: Module 3 – Guidance Responsibilities
- The provider must agree to work with Early Childhood-Community Health Workers (EC-CHW) to ensure their staff and the families they serve have the resources they need.
- Have adequate storage space to store child’s/children’s personal belongings and sleeping equipment.

Any provider seeking to participate in the NTH Slots Pilot Program when the child is an Infant or Toddler must complete in addition to the above-specified criteria:

- Have a safe sleep policy posted near infant sleeping areas.
- Have a space for breastfeeding mothers with privacy.
- Have adequate storage for breastmilk.