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Important Updates: Your Best Beginnings Scholarship & New Parent Portal

To apply for or manage your child care scholarship, you must create an account using the State of Montana's secure OKTA system. This account allows you to safely log in to the Parent Portal to submit applications, upload documents, and manage your case.

Get Started with OKTA

Visit the OKTA login page: <https://okta.loginmt.com/>

- If you already have an OKTA account, use the link above to log in.
- If you do not have an account, follow the steps below.

How to Create an OKTA Account

1. Go to the OKTA login page (<https://okta.loginmt.com/>) and click "Don't have an account? Sign Up."
2. Enter your first name, last name, and email address.
3. Open the verification email from OKTA and click Verify Email.
4. Create a password and answer the required security questions.
5. Sign in with your new OKTA username and password.
6. Complete any additional security steps if prompted.
7. After logging in, you will be taken to the Parent Portal to start your application.

Need Help?

- Step-by-step instructions:
https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fokta.mt.gov%2F_docs%2FOkta-Account-Creation-and-Password-Reset-Procedure-TMP-Draft-1-5.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK
- Okta Help: <https://okta.mt.gov/Help>

If you have trouble logging in, contact the HHS Service Desk at <mailto:HHSServiceDesk@service.mt.gov> or 406-444-9500. If you still cannot access your account, email MAQCSsupport@mt.gov.

Questions? Please contact your local **Child Care Agency** for assistance with the new system or your specific case. You can find your local agency at
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/childcareresourceandreferral>

For more information:

Child Care Bureau, Website:
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare>

Child Care Agencies, Website:
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/childcareresourceandreferral>

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Service Provider Locator Website:
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ecc6837721384b2a8a2b8123c422589a>

MAQCS Contact Website:
DPHHS.MT.GOV/ECFSD/MAQCS/Contacts