

▶ Attach to Form 1040.

▶ See separate instructions.

Name(s) shown on Form 1040

Your social security number

You need to understand the following terms to complete this form:
Qualifying Person(s), Dependent Care Benefits, Qualified Expenses, and Earned Income. See **Important Terms** on page 1 of the Form 2441 instructions.

Part I **Persons or Organizations Who Provided the Care**—You must complete this part.
(If you need more space, use the bottom of page 2.)

1	(a) Care provider's name	(b) Address (number, street, apt. no., city, state, and ZIP code)	(c) Identifying number (SSN or EIN)	(d) Amount paid (see instructions)

2 Add the amounts in column (d) of line 1 **2**

3 Enter the number of **qualifying persons** cared for in 1996 ▶

Did you receive dependent care benefits?	NO	→ Complete only Part II below.
	YES	→ Complete Part III on the back now.

Caution: If the care was provided in your home, you may owe employment taxes. See the instructions for Form 1040, line 50.

Part II **Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses**

4	Enter the amount of qualified expenses you incurred and paid in 1996. DO NOT enter more than \$2,400 for one qualifying person or \$4,800 for two or more persons. If you completed Part III, enter the amount from line 25	4																																																	
5	Enter YOUR earned income	5																																																	
6	If married filing a joint return, enter YOUR SPOUSE'S earned income (if student or disabled, see the instructions); all others , enter the amount from line 5	6																																																	
7	Enter the smallest of line 4, 5, or 6	7																																																	
8	Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 32	8																																																	
9	Enter on line 9 the decimal amount shown below that applies to the amount on line 8																																																		
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10	Multiply line 7 by the decimal amount on line 9. Enter the result. Then, see the instructions for the amount of credit to enter on Form 1040, line 39	10																																																	

Part III Dependent Care Benefits—Complete this part **only** if you received these benefits.

11	Enter the total amount of dependent care benefits you received for 1996. This amount should be shown in box 10 of your W-2 form(s). DO NOT include amounts that were reported to you as wages in box 1 of Form(s) W-2				11		
12	Enter the amount forfeited, if any. See the instructions				12		
13	Subtract line 12 from line 11				13		
14	Enter the total amount of qualified expenses incurred in 1996 for the care of the qualifying person(s)	14					
15	Enter the smaller of line 13 or 14	15					
16	Enter YOUR earned income	16					
17	If married filing a joint return, enter YOUR SPOUSE'S earned income (if student or disabled, see the line 6 instructions); if married filing a separate return, see the instructions for the amount to enter; all others , enter the amount from line 16	17					
18	Enter the smallest of line 15, 16, or 17	18					
19	Excluded benefits. Enter here the smaller of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount from line 18, or • \$5,000 (\$2,500 if married filing a separate return and you were required to enter your spouse's earned income on line 17). 				19		
20	Taxable benefits. Subtract line 19 from line 13. Also, include this amount on Form 1040, line 7. On the dotted line next to line 7, write "DCB"				20		

To claim the child and dependent care credit, complete lines 21–25 below, and lines 4–10 on the front of this form.

21	Enter the amount of qualified expenses you incurred and paid in 1996. DO NOT include on this line any excluded benefits shown on line 19				21		
22	Enter \$2,400 (\$4,800 if two or more qualifying persons)	22					
23	Enter the amount from line 19	23					
24	Subtract line 23 from line 22. If zero or less, STOP . You cannot take the credit. Exception. If you paid 1995 expenses in 1996, see the line 10 instructions				24		
25	Enter the smaller of line 21 or 24 here and on line 4 on the front of this form				25		

