

DCAP vs. the Dependent Care Tax Credit

Determining which program produces the greatest tax benefit

- Tax forms needed for an accurate comparison
 - Form 1040 and instructions (or Form 1040A)
 - Form 2441 and instructions (or Schedule 2 to Form 1040A)
 - IRS Publication 596 (earned income credit) and Form 1040A Schedule EIC
 - IRS Publication 972 (Child Tax Credit) and Form 8812 (Refer to www.irs.gov for needed forms and publications.)
- For an accurate comparison, each individual would complete the above forms with estimated numbers for the following year.