

# CHILDCARE (AGES 0-3)

**EarlyLearn NYC** provides full-time childcare to low-income families in NY from birth to 2 years old. Extended day/year programs provide early care and education services for up to 10 hours a day.

## EarlyLearn NYC

### *Eligibility*

Eligibility is based on your family's income and needs. Visit: [access.nyc.gov/](https://access.nyc.gov/) to determine your eligibility

### *Early Learn NYC extended-day programs (early care and educational services for up to 10 hours a day)*

Your family may qualify for infant/toddler extended day/year programs if at least one of these categories applies to you:

→ You receive [public assistance](#) and are compliant with HRA's work activities

→ Your family's income falls below a certain amount and have **an approved** "reason for care":

You work 20+ hours per week	You are in an educational or vocational training program	You have been looking for work for up to 6 months
You are attending services for domestic violence	You live in temporary housing	

### *Enrollment (extended/not extended programs)*

- Admissions for our infant and toddler programs are year-round. Your child can enroll in a program any time, if you are eligible and there is a seat available.
- For a list of centers that accept infants and babies (over 6 weeks) go to <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>. Use the age filter.
- Contact individual programs to determine requirements for enrollment

## **Child Care Assistance Voucher**

Interested families can apply for a child care assistance voucher from the Administration for Children's Services (ACS). **Child care assistance vouchers have the same eligibility requirements as extended day/year programs**

Voucher availability is dependent upon funding. At this time, due to high demand, eligible families requesting vouchers **will be placed on a waitlist**. If your family is interested, you should complete the [Voucher Waitlist](#)

Enrolling your child in another program will not impact your place on the voucher waitlist.

## How do I know if the child care center is a safe and healthy space for my child?



Are the children supervised at all times indoors and outside?



Are the children actively engaged in activities and do they look happy?



Are there age-appropriate toys and equipment, such as blocks and books?

Talk to the teachers and childcare providers and make sure you feel comfortable working in partnership with them, as quality programs engage families in young children's early care.

## COVID-19 Regional Enrichment Centers (FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS)

For community members who are serving in [these vital roles](#) (healthcare workers, first responders, transit workers, restaurant employees, other key personnel) that have no other means of childcare, the New York City Department of Education set up the [Regional Enrichment Centers](#) (RECs). RECs are open and operate from 7:30am to 6:00pm (Monday-Friday).

To enroll, your child must be a student at a school in the city. [Complete this survey to start your enrollment.](#) RECs will ensure that students have access to remote learning as well as various art, music, and other activities. More information [here](#).