

Choose Great Child Care

High quality early childhood programs prepare your children to enter kindergarten ready to learn. Great child care locations like these can be found throughout the city, even in your own neighborhood.

Affording Child Care

Child Care Works Subsidy (CCIS)

For children ages: 0 - 13

What is it? A subsidy that covers part of your child care costs

Who is eligible? Working parents (20+ hrs/ wk) and students who work (at least 10 hrs at both) who make 200% or less of the poverty level

How does it work?

- It can be used at any participating provider you choose
- Parents pay a **co-pay** based on family size and income

Other Notes:

- Apply for a subsidy as soon as possible. CCIS waitlists usually last from 4 - 8 months depending on availability.
- You must confirm that you qualify every 12 months

How to Apply:

1. Online at COMPASS and your application will be sent to your local CCIS office
2. By calling your local CCIS for help completing an application over the phone or requesting that an application be mailed to you
3. In person at your local CCIS

Find your local CCIS:

- North - (215) 763-0100
- Northeast - (215) 333-1560
- Northwest - (215) 842-4820
- South & West - (215) 382-4762

**Child Care Information
Services of Philadelphia**

Helping Philadelphia Families
Find, Select and Pay for child care.



Special Eligibility:

- Families on TANF are automatically eligible for subsidy
- Teen parents (under 22) go to the top of the CCIS waitlist

Pre-K Counts

For children ages: 3 - 5

What is it? A program that provides free Pre-Kindergarten

Who is eligible? Families making 300% of the poverty level or less

How does it work?

- Pre-K Counts is free!
- It is placed-based. You must apply for the specific Pre-K Counts center where you would like to enroll your child.

How to Apply:

1. Online at COMPASS
2. At your local Pre-K Counts Provider

Find a Pre-K Counts Program:

<http://www.phlprek.org/pre-k-counts/>



Special Eligibility:

Children at risk for school failure or with special needs are prioritized

Head Start/Early Head Start

For children ages: 0 - 3 (Early Head Start); 3 - 5 (Head Start)

What is it? A program that provides free child care and other services

Who is eligible? Families making 100% of the poverty level or less

How does it work?

- Head Start and Early Head Start are free!
- It is a placed-based program. You must apply for the specific Head Start center where you would like to enroll your child.



How to apply:

1. Call your local Head Start and speak to the Family Services Representative
2. Obtain a Head Start Application packet from your local Head Start
3. Call the Office of Early Childhood Education at 215-400-4270 to request a Head Start Registration packet to be mailed to you
4. Call 1-866-763-6481 for more information

Find a Head Start: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices>

Special eligibility:

- Families receiving SSI or TANF, experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care are automatically eligible for Head Start

PHL Pre-K

For children ages: 3-5

What is it? Free Pre-K in Philadelphia

Who is eligible? All families who live in the City of Philadelphia, regardless of income

How does it work? Visit the PHLpreK programs page to find PHLpreK programs in your area or call 844-PHL-PREK to have a trained professional help you choose a PHLpreK program that is right for you.



Am I Eligible?

Use **Chart 1** to determine your percent of the Federal Poverty Level based on the number of people in your household. Then use **Chart 2** to see what you qualify for, based on your child's age and your results from Chart 1.

Chart 1 – Find Your Percent of the Poverty Level

Household Size	100%	200%	300%
1	\$ 12,060	\$ 24,120	\$ 36,180
2	\$ 16,240	\$ 32,480	\$ 48,720
3	\$ 20,420	\$ 40,840	\$ 61,260
4	\$ 24,600	\$ 49,200	\$ 73,800
5	\$ 28,780	\$ 57,560	\$ 86,340
6	\$ 32,960	\$ 65,920	\$ 98,880
7	\$ 37,140	\$ 74,280	\$ 111,420
8	\$ 41,320	\$ 82,640	\$ 123,960

Chart 2 – What Do You Qualify For?

	Child is 0-3 years	Child is 3-5 years
Family makes 100% or less of the poverty level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Subsidy • Early Head Start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Subsidy • Head Start • Pre-K Counts • PHL Pre-K
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