

CHOOSE GREAT CHILD CARE

High quality early childhood programs prepare your children to enter kindergarten ready to learn. There is great child care all over the city, and even in your neighborhood. How do you know a program is high quality? **Look for Keystone STAR 3 or 4 programs!**

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 make 200% or less of the poverty level

How does it work?

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

Other Notes:

- Apply for a subsidy as soon as possible to avoid waiting lists.
- You must confirm that you qualify every 12 months.

How to Apply:

1. Online at COMPASS <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>
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 FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE...

- on TANF. You are automatically eligible for subsidy.
- teen parents (under 22). You 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:

At your local Pre-K Counts Provider

Find a Pre-K Counts Program:

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



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SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN...

- whose first language is not English.
- with special needs.

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, early learning, 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 FOR FAMILIES WHO...

- are receiving SSI or TANF
- are experiencing homelessness
- have children in foster care

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 PHLprek.org 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 may 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	\$ 12,140	\$ 24,280	\$ 36,420
2	\$ 16,460	\$ 32,920	\$ 49,380
3	\$ 20,780	\$ 41,560	\$ 62,340
4	\$ 25,100	\$ 50,200	\$ 75,300
5	\$ 29,420	\$ 58,840	\$ 88,260
6	\$ 33,740	\$ 67,480	\$ 101,220
7	\$ 38,060	\$ 76,120	\$ 114,180
8	\$ 42,380	\$ 84,760	\$ 127,140

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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