

Financial Assistance Options



Income Eligible Wait List

Child Care Circuit (CCC) in addition to Mass 211 and all child care programs with state subsidized slots manage the Income Eligible list for Region 3. This is the Massachusetts waitlist for eligible families to access all state subsidy programs. If you would like to apply or find out if you qualify please call CCC at 978- 686-4288 or Mass 211 by dialing 211.



Head Start

If your child is 3 or 4 years of age and you meet the income guidelines you may qualify for a Head Start program. Contact your nearest Head Start program for more information:

- **Community Action, Inc-** 75 Elm St., Haverhill, MA 01830 (978) 372-5052
(Serving Greater Haverhill & Greater Newburyport)
- **Community Teamwork-** 167 Dutton St., Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 459-0551
(Serving Greater Lowell)
- **Communities United-** 63 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472 (617) 744-6076
(Serving Greater Arlington, Newton, Waltham, Watertown & Woburn)
- **LEO Head Start-** 156 Broad St., Lynn, MA 01901 (781) 581-7220
(Serving Greater Lynn)
- **GLCAC Head Start-** 305 Essex St., Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 681-4920
(Serving Greater Lawrence)
- **Pathways for Children-** 29 Emerson Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930 (978) 281 2400
(Serving Cape Ann & the North Shore)
- **ABCD Head Start-** 110 Pleasant St., Malden, MA 02148 (781) 397-8071
(Serving the Tri-city area)



Dependent Care Assistance Program

Your employer may offer an employer-sponsored benefit plan that allows employees to pay for certain dependent care expenses on a tax-free basis, up to a specified limit. In most cases, DCAPs are funded by employees with pre-tax dollars through payroll deductions.



Child Care Tax Credit

The child and dependent care credit is a tax credit that may help you pay for the care of eligible children and other dependents (qualifying persons). The credit is calculated based on your income and a percentage of expenses that you incur for the care of qualifying persons to enable you to go to work, look for work, or attend school. For information regarding this credit please visit www.IRS.gov.



Department of Defense

If you are a military family, you may be eligible for child care assistance through the Department of Defense. If you have questions about the military programs, please call Child Care Aware at 1-800-424-2246. Coast Guard, Navy, Marine and Air Force and Space Force personnel please contact Military One Source at 1-800-324-9647.



Sibling discounts, sliding fee scale & private scholarships

You may ask your local providers if they offer any private scholarships, have a sliding fee scale for low income families or any sibling discounts.