

Ohio Preschool Program (OPP)

Formerly Early Childhood Education Grant



Benefits

New Name. Same Program.

The Early Childhood Education Grant is now called the **Ohio Preschool Program (OPP)**. While the name has changed, the program is still the same. **OPP continues to provide high-quality early learning opportunities for young children across Ohio.**

What is the Ohio Preschool Program?

The Ohio Preschool Program (OPP) **supports children's early learning and helps prepares them for kindergarten by funding high-quality preschool services.** Programs provide safe, caring, and age-appropriate learning environments that help children build the skills they need for healthy development and future success.



For Families

Families can access OPP through a simple process:

- **Select OPP only** on the application if you only want to apply for the Ohio Preschool Program
- **Only one application** is needed to decide eligibility
- After approval, **children can keep receiving OPP until they are old enough to start kindergarten** in the district where they live
- Families can apply using the links below or through your local County JFS
- **Help with the application is available** through any OPP-eligible program



Application Tips

- **[Authorized Representatives and Assistors](#)** may help the family complete the OPP application
- Be sure all **required application fields are complete** to help decrease the time that an application is left pending
- Children must meet **citizenship requirements**
- When applicable, **IEP** (individual education program) verification must be provided
- Programs can use the **[KinderConnect Provider Application Status](#)** resource to **confirm when a child has been authorized to their OPP program**

Helpful Links

- To Apply or Learn More: [Ohio Benefits | Ohio Benefits Self Service Portal Core](#)
- To Find an Early Childhood Program: [Find Quality Rated Early Care and Education | Ohio Child Care Search](#)
- Family and Customer Support Center: [Family and Customer Support Center | Department of Children and Youth](#)