

Subsidized Child Care

The following is an abbreviated guide to the different types of child care subsidies that are available to low and moderate income families.

Type of Subsidy	Who is Eligible	General Information
<i>DTA Vouchers</i>	<p>Families who currently receive grant assistance from the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA).</p> <p>(If you formerly received TAFDC and your case has been closed less than 1 year due to employment, contact your former Case Worker to inquire about eligibility.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Contact your DTA Case Worker to obtain a <i>Referral for Child Care</i>. ◆ A DTA Voucher can then be issued by CCCB. ◆ Vouchers can be used with providers who have current Voucher Agreements with CCCB or with Informal Child Care Providers who register with CCCB.
<i>Income Eligible (IE) Vouchers</i>	<p>Families who have a gross family income that is at or below 50% of the state median income, and who have a proven service need (employment, education/training, incapacitated parent, child with diagnosed disability).</p> <p>For families with a child(ren) with diagnosed disability, gross family income can be up to 85% of state median income.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There is currently a waiting list for this type of voucher. ◆ Contact CCCB to apply and be placed on the Centralized Waitlist for an Income Eligible Subsidy. ◆ IE Vouchers become available when funds are allocated from the State. ◆ IE Vouchers can be used with providers who have current Voucher Agreements with CCCB or with Informal Child Care Providers who register with CCCB.
<i>Teen Parent Vouchers</i>	<p>Parents who are 19 years or younger and who are currently in High School or a full-time GED program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Contact CCCB Parent Services Supervisor, Juanita Llewellyn at 617-348-6469 to apply.
<i>Vouchers for Homeless Families</i>	<p>Families who are currently homeless</p> <p>Family income must be at or below 50% of the state median income (85% for families with a child(ren) with diagnosed disability).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Contact your DTA Case Worker, Housing Assistance Program or Family Shelter Program for a referral. ◆ A voucher can then be issued by CCCB. ◆ Vouchers can be used with providers who have current Voucher Agreements with CCCB or with Informal Child Care Providers who register with CCCB.

<i>Department of Early Education & Care (EEC, formerly OCCS) Contracted Slots</i>	<p>Families who have a gross family income that is at or below 50% of the state median income, and who have a proven service need (employment, education/training, incapacitated parent, child with diagnosed disability).</p> <p>For families with a child(ren) with diagnosed disability, gross family income can be up to 85% of state median income.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Slots are spaces at specific child care programs for specific ages of children. ◆ CCCB can provide a list of programs offering EEC Contracted slots and/or place the family on the Centralized Waitlist for an Income Eligible Subsidy. ◆ Once a family accesses a Contracted slot, they receive priority to continued access (i.e. as the child ages into the next program type). ◆ <u>Note:</u> If you access a contracted slot, your child will be removed from the Centralized Waitlist for an Income Eligible Subsidy.
<i>Community Partnership Slots</i>	<p>Families with children 2.9-4.11 years of age.</p> <p>Gross family income must be at or below 50% of the state median income.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Slots are spaces at specific child care programs. ◆ CCCB can provide a list of programs offering Community Partnership Slots and/or place the family on the Centralized Waitlist for an Income Eligible Subsidy.
<i>Teen Parent Slots</i>	<p>Parents 19 years and younger.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Slots are spaces at specific child care programs. ◆ Contact the programs directly regarding vacancies, eligibility and access to these slots. ◆ CCCB can provide a list of programs offering Teen Parent Slots.
<i>Head Start and Early Head Start</i>	<p>Families with children from birth to age 5 (Early Head Start is for infants and toddlers, Head Start is for children 3-5 years).</p> <p>Income eligibility is based on the federal poverty guidelines.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Contact the programs directly regarding vacancies and eligibility. ◆ CCCB can provide a list of Head Start programs.

Some individual programs may also offer *Private Sliding Fee* scales or *Scholarships* based on income. Speak with programs directly for more information.