

# LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE ?

You can apply for child care financial assistance!

To be eligible to receive funding you and your family must meet income-based and service need requirements.

See the back of this flyer to determine if you meet the income requirements!

You meet the requirement for a service need if you are:

- beginning a job or have a job
- looking for a job
- participating in school or training program (not including graduate school)
- or your child has a documented disability or special need

\*\* Service need must total 30 hours/week or a combination of work AND school or disability

\*\* If a 2 parent home, both parents must be meeting that service need

## Center Based Care

**Programs:** part-day, full-day, full-year

**Ages:** 6 weeks to 5 years

### Programs in Lowell:

- *Community Teamwork*  
978-454-5100
- *Little Sprouts*  
978-453-6614
- *Lowell Day Nursery*  
978-454-5981
- *Merrimack Valley Christian Day School*  
978-452-2462
- *Utec*  
978-735-4660
- *YMCA*  
978-454-7825

## Family Child Care

**Programs:** part-day, full-day, full-year

**Ages:** 6 weeks to 13 years

### Programs in Lowell:

- *Acre Family Child Care*  
978-937-5899
- *Bethel Child Care Services*  
978-458-6577
- *Child Development & Education*  
978-275-2843
- *Clarendon Early Education Services*  
978-691-0018
- *Community Teamwork*  
978-654-7173

## Out of School Time

**Programs:** before & after school, vacations, summer

**Ages:** 5 years to 13 years

### Programs in Lowell:

- *Boys & Girls Club*  
978-458-4526
- *Community Teamwork*  
978-654-7112
- *Girls, Inc*  
978-458-6529
- *YMCA*  
978-454-7825



**Lowell Public Schools Early Childhood Department**  
978-674-4330 or 978-674-2051

**Programs:** Part Day/School Year/ 21st Century

**Ages:** 4 years old by September 1st

\*\*Lottery system held each April

## Head Start

Community Teamwork (CTI) : 978-454-5100

**Programs:** Part Day/School Year

**Ages:** 2years 9 months to 5 years

\*\*Education, Health, Nutrition, Mental Health and Family Development services offered

## How to determine if you are eligible:

Family Size:	2	3	4	5	6
You qualify if your pre-tax income is below:	\$744 weekly	\$919 weekly	\$1,094 weekly	\$1,269 weekly	\$1,444 weekly

Family Size:	2	3	4	5	6
You qualify if you or your child has a documented disability and your pre-tax income is below:	\$1,265 weekly	\$1,562 weekly	\$1,860 weekly	\$2,158 weekly	\$2,455 weekly

## How to get started: The Department of Early Education & Care (EEC) Wait List

- To Apply:
  - Dial 211 or access online at MASS 211.org or get application from Child Care Circuit—www.childcarecircuit.org
  - \* If a subsidy or seat is not available immediately you will be placed on a waitlist
- To maintain spot on the waitlist:
  - Update your address and phone number regularly
  - Respond ANY TIME you receive a letter or phone call, even if you are not interested
  - Call and check your status every 6 months (978-686-4288)
  - Call to update any changes (new children, a move, change of phone number, etc.)
- If contacted:
  - Respond immediately, even if you're not interested in the program that you heard from
  - If you are interested, an appointment will be scheduled. Please bring the following items to appointment:
    - Social Security cards, birth certificates, proof of

## Types of Subsidies You Could Receive:

\*\*\*Once your subsidy has been determined, it will take care of all of your children for any of the available programs.



### Child Care Circuit 978-686-4288

Type of Subsidy: Income Eligible Voucher

Fee: Sliding Fee Scale

Child Care Circuit is in Lawrence but offers hours in Lowell twice a week. Appointments are necessary.

### Department of Children & Families (DCF) 978-275-6800

Type of Subsidy: Supportive

Fee: No Fee

If you are involved with DCF, talk to your case worker about how they can provide child care voucher for you.

### Department of Early Education & Care 978-686-4288

Type of Subsidy: Income Eligible

Young Parent (teen parents up to age 24)

Homeless Voucher

Fee: Sliding Fee Scale

Contact any provider working with your family for more information and a referral.

### Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) 978-446-2400

Type of Subsidy: Voucher

Fee: Sliding Fee Scale

If you are receiving cash benefits you could be eligible for a child care voucher. Ask your DTA case worker for a referral.