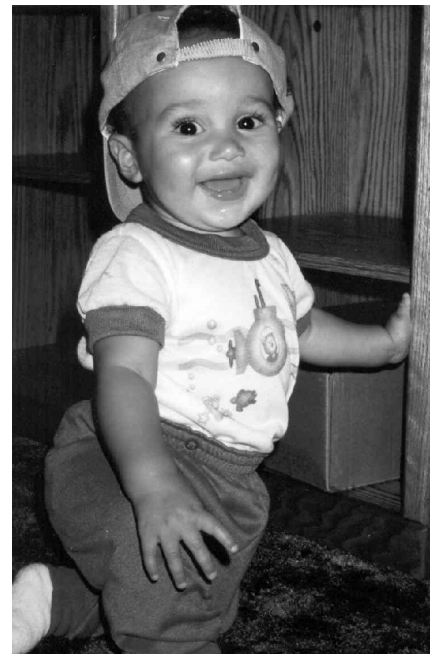
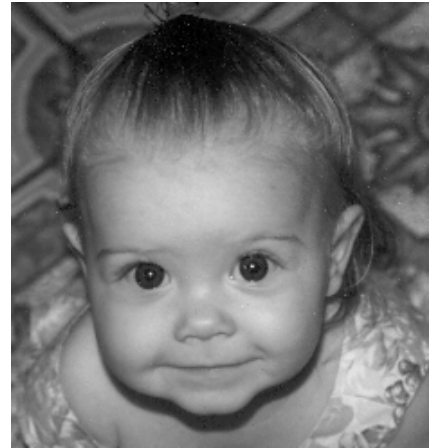


# GUIDE TO EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN KING COUNTY



*Including:*

Child Care funding resources

Free Preschool for low-income families

Services for children with special needs

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## INTRODUCTION

More and more we know that all children learn from the moment they are born. While parents, with help from family and friends, are children's first and best teachers, many parents work or are in school during their children's early years. Others want help with their children's early learning. For this reason many parents look for individuals or programs to care for and support learning of their children.

This guide is intended to help parents who live in King County more easily access early learning programs for their children. It includes many resources for programs and financial assistance. This information is also available on the web at [www.washingtonparentpower.com](http://www.washingtonparentpower.com).

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## WHAT DO YOU WANT/NEED FOR YOUR CHILD?

Families have different ideas about and needs for early learning for their children. Early learning can happen in many settings. Children are learning new things all the time – no matter where they are or what they are doing – with parents or with others.

These are the kinds of choices that parents need to make:

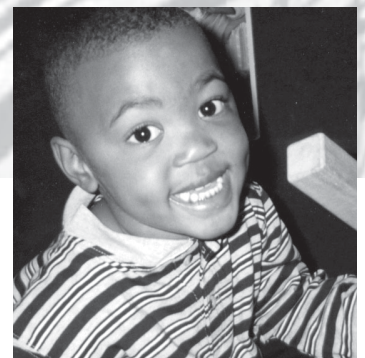
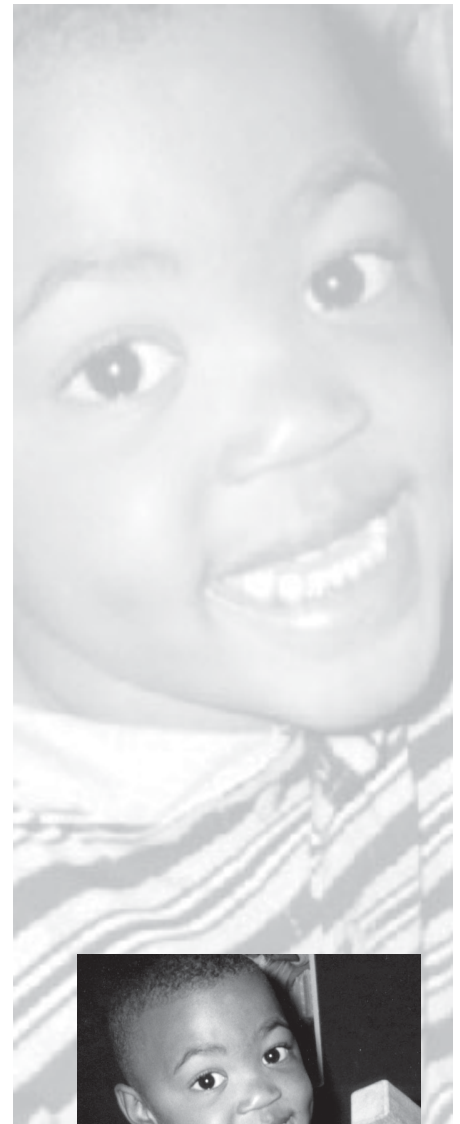
- **Cost:** Can I pay for the program or do I need a free program or a subsidy / scholarship to help pay for it?
- **Hours:** Do I want a part day program or do I need my child to be in a program for the full day?
- **Program:** Do I want the program to provide a period of structured learning experiences (part day preschool, such as Head Start) or learning interspersed within the program (full day child care)?
- **Location:** Do I want my child in or near my home, near work or school? Do I want my child in a center, family child care home, the home of a family, friend or neighbor or in my home with a person coming in?

**Part day preschools** are programs for children who are at least 2 or 3 years of age that operate for four hours or fewer per day. Part day preschools are not licensed or regulated in any way by the State as long as the children are in the program for four hours or fewer per day. Examples of part day preschools are parent cooperative preschools, Head Start or ECEAP programs. Some Montessori programs are part day preschools. Costs of and financial help for these programs vary.

- **Parent Cooperative Preschools**  
Non-profit school organized and operated by parents with assistance of a community or technical college. The programs are exempt from licensing as long as the children are in the program for four hours or fewer per day.
- **Montessori** is a philosophy of education based on the child's innate ability to develop her own pace in a non-competitive environment. (Montessori programs may be in licensed child care or may be part day preschools).
- **Head Start and Early Childhood Education Assistance Program** (see descriptions on page 10)
- **Playgroups** are informal arrangements made by groups of families.

**Licensed Child Care** are programs that are licensed by the state and provide care/early learning for children. Most are open during the day, but some operate in the evenings, at night and on weekends. Most are open for a full day, although parents can arrange for part time care. Licensed child care is rarely free, but subsidies and scholarships may be used to pay for them. Licensed Child Care includes:

- Child care centers (including school-age care)
- Family child care homes



## How Do I Find Child Care and Preschools?

**Child Care Resources** (CCR) can help you to find quality child care and preschool programs. Child Care Resources has a database with over 2,000 child care providers in King County, including licensed centers and family providers, preschool programs and before-and after-school care.

### *CCR Locations*

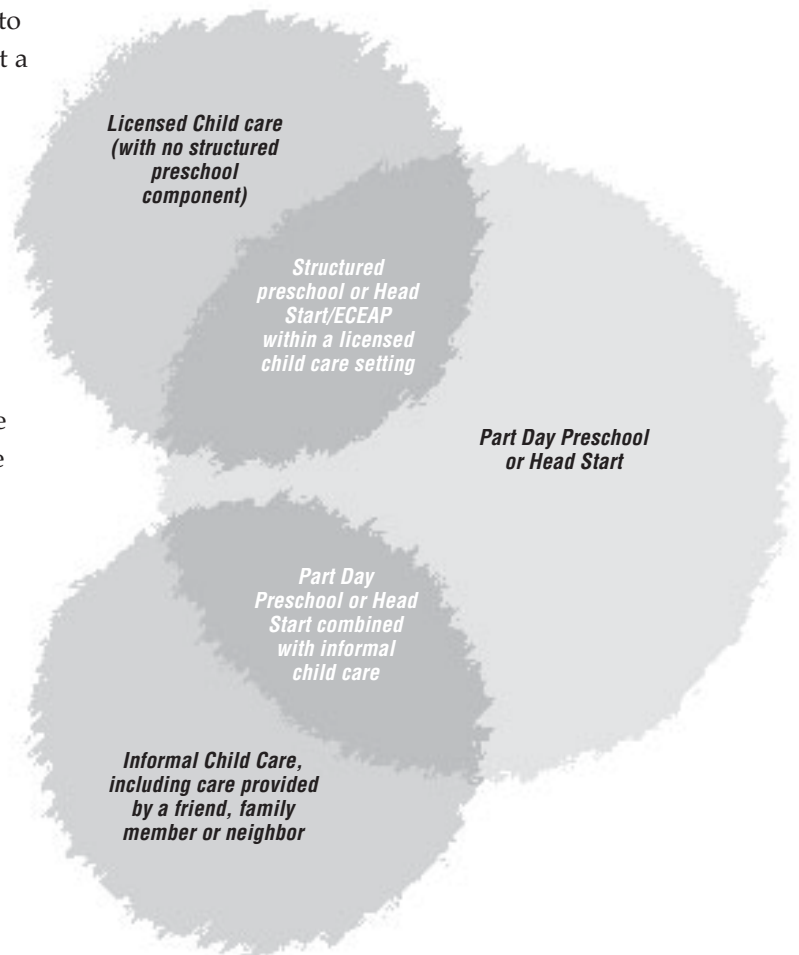
Seattle/North King County	(206) 329-5544
East King County	(425) 865-9350
South King County	(253) 852-3080

If you have concerns or observe licensing violations with your caregiver or in your child care search, it is important to follow-up on your concerns.

- It is suggested that you discuss your concerns with the provider or center director. If doing that does not resolve the situation, we encourage you to call CCR to assist you in determining whether the issue is a licensing violation or a non-licensing issue such as a business practice dispute.
- Call Washington State at (800) 562-5624 option "5" to report child abuse/neglect or licensing violations at a child care center or family child care home.

If you are considering enrolling your child in licensed care, you can find out if any complaints have been made about a licensed program by calling the appropriate licenser.

To obtain the name and telephone number of the licenser of any licensed child care program (family child care home center) in King County, please call the Division of Child Care and Early Learning (part of the Department of Social and Health Services—DSHS) (866) 482-4325.



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## WHAT PROGRAMS AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

Every early learning program serves a particular group in our community. Some serve a particular neighborhood. Others serve a particular ethnic group. Others serve only very low income families or only children age 3-5.

The only way to find out if you are eligible for a program is to apply and provide the program with all the information they need to see if you are eligible. In this guide, we have divided the services into categories based on area of the county and age of the child. Most of the programs outlined here limit eligibility based on income level.

Above all, you want to choose a program that works for your family - for your schedule, your budget, your lifestyle, your values. Carefully consider all your choices and pick a program that feels safe and appropriate to you.



## SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**Children 0-3 are served through a variety of programs in King County.**

For referral to educational programs for children with special needs contact:

*Community Health Access Program*

(206) 284-0331	or	(800) 756-5437
On-Line		<a href="http://www.wa.gov/dshs/iteip/iteip.html">http://www.wa.gov/dshs/iteip/iteip.html</a>

Some children may qualify for services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

*Division of Developmental Disabilities*

(206) 568-5700	or	(800) 314-3296
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**School District Special Education**

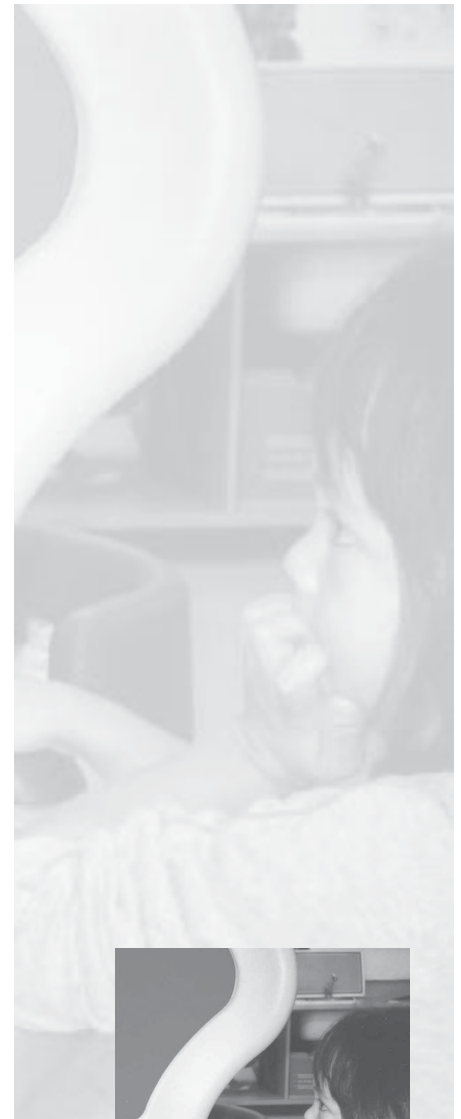
Once a child is three years old, the local school district is responsible for screening children for disabilities and providing appropriate educational services. Call your district’s Special Education office for more information.

Children with chronic health conditions can also qualify for Special Education services. Call your district’s Special Education office for more information.

*Special Education offices*

Auburn	(253) 931-4927
Bellevue	(425) 456-4171
Enumclaw	(360) 802-7125
Federal Way	(253) 945-2093
Highline	(206) 433-2421
Issaquah	(425) 837-7103
Kent	(253) 373-7513
Lake Washington	(425) 882-8170
Mercer Island	(206) 230-6307
Northshore	(425) 489-6376
Renton	(425) 204-4060
Riverview	(425) 844-4500
Seattle	(206) 252-0805
Shoreline	(206) 361-4250
Snoqualmie	(425) 831-8085
Tukwila School District	(206) 901-8033
Skykomish #19 School District	(360) 677-6235 ext.207
Vashon School District	(206) 463-2882 ext.217

*ECEAP and Head Start give priority to children with special needs and to children in foster care. Due to a possible history of neglect, abuse or trauma all foster children should be screened for developmental disabilities.*



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**Services for children with special needs, *continued***

*PAVE* (Parents are Vital in Education) is a great resource for teaching families about the educational rights of children with special needs.

*Parents are Vital in Education*

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(253) 565-2266 or (800) 572-7368

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***Answers for Special Kids (ASK) Line***

*Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Washington* (HMHB) provides the ASK Line, a toll-free information line for Washington families with children with special health care needs on health care coverage, specialty services, recreational opportunities, and more.

*Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Washington*

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(800) 322-2588 or (800) 883-6388/TTY

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## INFORMATION ON HEAD START AND ECEAP

Head Start and ECEAP are comprehensive preschool programs serving low-income children and children with disabilities. Head Start is federally funded; ECEAP is state funded. Services include free preschool education, health and nutrition services and family support. The program is offered in many school districts and via community agencies, community colleges, child care centers and family child care homes.

### **Head Start**

There are many program models available:

- *Part Day*  
Usually offered four days per week, in the morning or afternoon. Preference is given to 4 year olds. Sometimes these take place at a day care center where parents can get extended day services. Transportation is often, but not always, provided.
- *Full Day*  
This is a child care based model; families pay for child care with subsidy or other means, Head Start services are free. Transportation is usually not provided.
- *Family Child Care*  
Child care based model; families pay for child care with subsidy or other means, Head Start services are free. Transportation is not provided. This model may serve children aged one month to kindergarten age in licensed family child care homes.

### **ECEAP**

Three and four-year old children and their families with income up to 110% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (for examples, see page 15) or who are otherwise at risk of school failure are potentially eligible for ECEAP. ECEAP prepares children for success in the public school system through comprehensive integrated services including early childhood education, health and dental screenings, nutrition, parent involvement in the child's education, and family support services and referrals. ECEAP contractors determine eligibility.

### **Early Head Start**

Early Head Start (EHS) serves eligible pregnant women, infants and toddlers up to age three years. This comprehensive child development program offers health, education, and family support. Parents also participate and benefit from the program.

### **WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?**

Head Start, ECEAP and Early Head Start require that all families provide proof of their income for the past year. This can include a completed tax form, W-2 forms, pay stubs, a letter from DSHS or other documents that show the family's income.

Families may also be asked to provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of their address.

These programs will also need proof of immunizations before a child can attend.

Head Start, ECEAP and Early Head Start also encourage families to get a medical check up and a dental check up.

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## HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE OR PRESCHOOL

There are many sources of funding to help pay for child care. Most are called subsidy programs. This means the parent pays a part of the cost of child care and the program pays the rest. The most commonly used programs in King County are listed below.

They are:

- Working Connections Child Care Subsidy (WCCC) offered by DSHS
- City of Seattle Child Care Subsidy
- Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)
- Scholarships and sliding fee scales

### ***Working Connections DSHS Child Care Subsidy Program***

Working Connection Child Care is a program that helps families with children pay for child care.

#### ***Who is Eligible?***

Children who meet citizenship requirements (are documented residents or citizens) and whose parents:

- Have low incomes (at or below 200% of Federal poverty level - see chart below and on page 15)
- Are working or participating in a DSHS approved work activity.

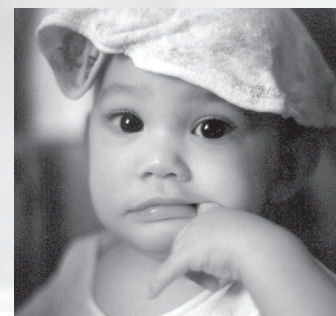
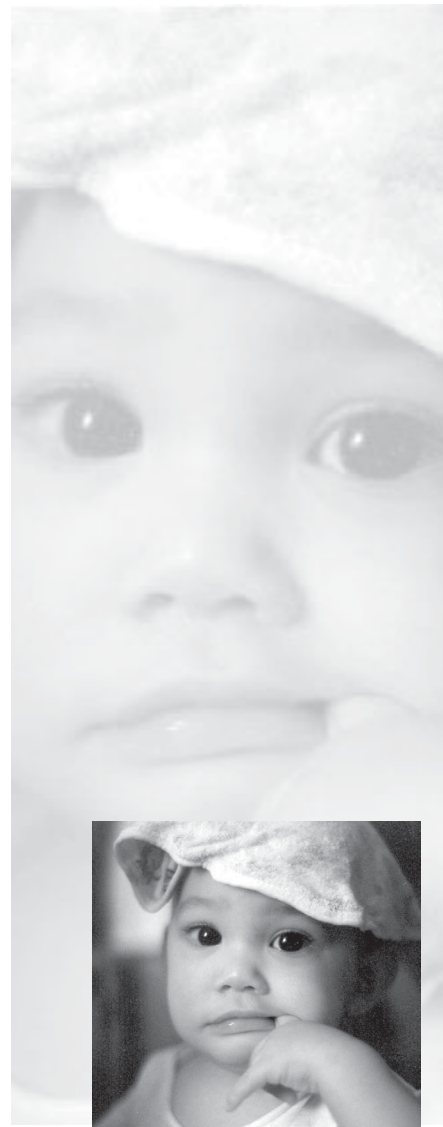
#### ***WCCC Income Table***

<i>If family size is</i>	<i>Eligible if countable monthly income is under</i>
1	\$1,496
2	\$2,020
3	\$2,544
4	\$3,066
5	\$3,590
6	\$4,114

Source: [www2.wa.gov/dshs/onlinecs/WCCC.asp](http://www2.wa.gov/dshs/onlinecs/WCCC.asp)

#### ***Kinds of Child Care DSHS can help pay for:***

- Licensed or certified child care centers (including those with a Head Start or ECEAP program within child care program)
- Licensed or certified family child care homes (including those with a Head Start or ECEAP program within child care program)
- Relatives who provide care in their own homes
- Adults who come to your home to provide care.



***How does a parent apply?***

- Call the Call Center for King County (Region IV) at (206) 341-7433 or (ONLY for people who are homeless or for whom the call would be long distance – (800) 337-1835)
- [www.onlinesco.com](http://www.onlinesco.com)

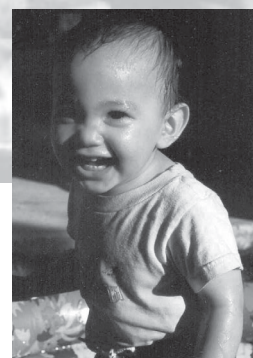
***Documents needed for processing of the Working Connections Application:***

1. Pay Stubs
2. Social Security Cards for all children for whom you want child care subsidy
3. Verification for receiving following income if applies:
  - a) Public Assistance
  - b) Labor and industries
  - c) Unemployment compensation
  - d) Social Security Income (SSI)
  - e) Veteran’s benefits
  - f) Military allotment
  - g) Income Tax Refund
  - h) Railroad Benefits
  - i) Money from roomers/boarders/renters
  - j) School grants or loans
  - k) Cash prizes
  - l) Insurance benefits
  - m) Child Support/ Alimony
  - n) Retirement/Pension
  - o) Trust or annuity
  - p) Other Loans
  - q) Voucher for housing

As with all DSHS programs, the only way to know for sure if you are eligible is to apply.

***City of Seattle Comprehensive Child Care Program***

The City of Seattle helps low and moderate income working families pay for their child care costs. Families can choose from 165 child care homes and centers in Seattle. These child care providers contract with the City of Seattle to provide high quality and affordable child care for our city’s children.



**You may be eligible when all of the following apply:**

- You live within the Seattle city limits
- You are employed or in job training
- Your children are under 13 years of age
- You are within the “eligibility” income guidelines
- You are not eligible for any other subsidy program

**Eligibility Income Guidelines**

<i>Family Size</i>	<i>Gross Monthly Income</i>
2	\$1,991-\$2,985
3	\$2,505-\$3,756
4	\$3,017-\$4,524
5	\$3,531-\$5,295
6	\$4,045-\$6,066
7	\$4,557-\$6,066
8	\$5,071-\$7,605
9	\$5,585-\$8,376
10	\$6,097-\$9,144

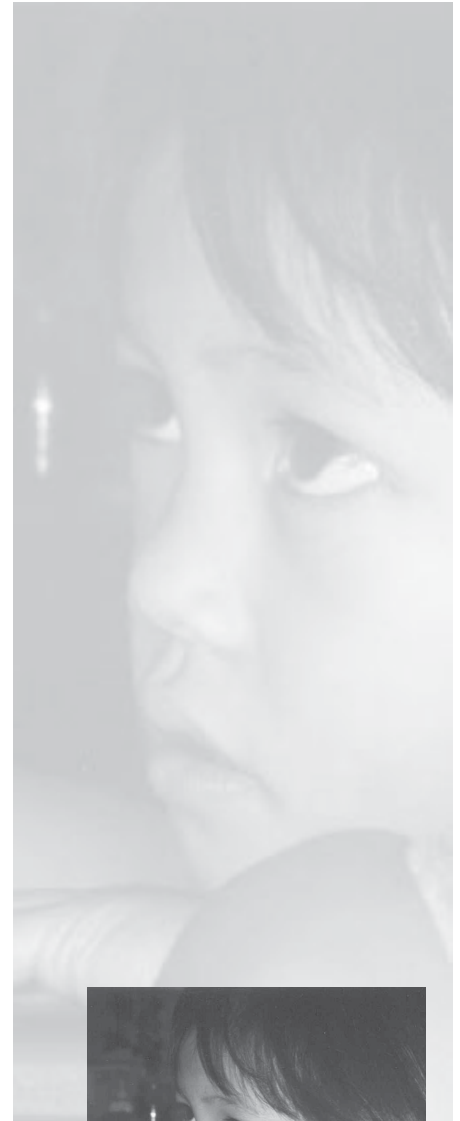
**Documentation required:**

1. Pay stubs for the most recent full month, possibly as much as 6 months
2. Two pieces of address verification (utility, cable bill or lease agreement)
3. All other income documents such as:  
Social Security (SSI, SSA), Unemployment benefits, Child Support received / paid out, VA, Disability, L&I.

Student parents and Self-employed families are required to submit additional documents.

**Contact**

Intake (206) 386-1050



### ***Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)***

This program provides child care financial assistance for residents of certain cities outside the City of Seattle limits who:

1. are not qualified for any other child care subsidy programs and
2. are working and/or in school.
3. have a family income under 80% of Median income for HUD (go to page 15 for income guidelines).

The amount of financial assistance available depends on the family income. Parents pay the difference between the assistance and full price of child care. For example, your family may qualify for \$300 per month in assistance. If your child care costs \$1150 per month for two children, CCFAP would pay \$300 and your family would pay \$850.

#### ***How do I apply?***

Call (206) 329-1011 to request an application.

Mail or fax your application, proof of income and schooling information (if applicable) to:

#### ***Child Care Resources***

Attn: Child Care Financial Assistance Program  
2719 E. Madison St. Suite 300  
Seattle, WA 98112  
Fax: (206) 461-4571

In some instances, you may also be required to provide proof of residency.

### ***Scholarships and sliding fee scales***

Some organizations that sponsor early learning programs or child care providers offer scholarships or sliding fee scales. When you call a program, ask about availability of these lower cost options.



# INCOME GUIDELINES USED BY VARIOUS PROGRAMS

## **Federal Poverty Guidelines**

*These guidelines are used by many programs to determine if a family is eligible for services.*

### **Yearly Income Levels**

*Effective May 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004*

<b>Size of Family</b>	<b>100% FPL</b>	<b>110% FPL</b>	<b>150%FPL</b>	<b>185%FPL</b>	<b>200% FPL</b>	<b>300%FPL</b>
1	\$8,980	\$9,878	\$13,470	\$16,613	\$17,960	\$26,940
2	\$12,120	\$13,332	\$18,180	\$22,422	\$24,240	\$36,360
3	\$15,260	\$16,786	\$22,890	\$28,231	\$30,520	\$45,780
4	\$18,400	\$20,240	\$27,600	\$34,040	\$36,800	\$55,200
5	\$21,540	\$23,694	\$32,310	\$39,849	\$43,080	\$64,620
6	\$24,680	\$27,148	\$37,020	\$45,658	\$49,360	\$74,040
7	\$27,820	\$30,602	\$41,730	\$51,467	\$55,640	\$83,460
8	\$30,960	\$37,510	\$46,440	\$57,276	\$61,920	\$92,880
For each additional family member add:	\$3,140	\$3,454	\$4,710	\$5,809	\$6,280	\$9,420

### **Monthly Income Levels**

*Effective May 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004*

<b>Size of Family</b>	<b>100% FPL</b>	<b>110% FPL</b>	<b>150%FPL</b>	<b>185%FPL</b>	<b>200% FPL</b>	<b>300%FPL</b>
1	\$748	\$823	\$1,123	\$1,384	\$1,496	\$2,245
2	\$1,010	\$1,111	\$1,515	\$1,869	\$2,020	\$3,030
3	\$1,272	\$1,399	\$1,908	\$2,353	\$2,543	\$3,815
4	\$1,533	\$1,687	\$2,300	\$2,837	\$3,067	\$4,600
5	\$1,795	\$1,975	\$2,693	\$3,321	\$3,590	\$5,385
6	\$2,057	\$2,262	\$3,085	\$3,805	\$4,113	\$6,170
7	\$2,318	\$2,550	\$3,478	\$4,289	\$4,637	\$6,955
8	\$2,580	\$3,126	\$3,870	\$4,773	\$5,160	\$7,740
For each additional family member add:	\$262	\$288	\$393	\$484	\$523	\$785

## **HUD 2003 Income Guidelines for King County**

<b>Percent of Median</b>	<b>Number in Household</b>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
120% of Median <i>(Calculated &amp; rounded to nearest 50)</i>	\$65,400	\$74,750	\$84,100	\$93,500	\$100,900	\$108,500	\$115,900
115% of Median <i>(Calculated &amp; rounded to nearest 50)</i>	\$62,700	\$71,650	\$80,600	\$89,600	\$96,700	\$103,950	\$111,100
Median <i>(Calculated &amp; rounded to nearest 50)</i>	\$54,500	\$62,300	\$70,100	\$77,900	\$84,100	\$90,400	\$96,600
80% of Median							
a. Federal Programs <i>(HUD)</i>	\$39,550	\$45,200	\$50,850	\$56,500	\$61,000	\$65,550	\$70,050
b. Non-Federal Programs <i>(Calculated &amp; rounded to nearest 50)</i>	\$43,600	\$49,850	\$56,100	\$62,300	\$67,300	\$72,300	\$77,300
60% of Median <i>(HUD)</i>	\$32,700	\$37,380	\$42,060	\$46,740	\$50,460	\$54,240	\$57,960
50% of Median <i>(HUD)</i>	\$27,250	\$31,150	\$35,050	\$38,950	\$42,050	\$45,200	\$48,300
30% of Median <i>(HUD)</i>	\$16,350	\$18,700	\$21,050	\$23,350	\$25,250	\$27,100	\$30,850

## RESOURCES IN SEATTLE

for children age birth to 3 years old

### **Help paying for child care**

#### **City of Seattle Comprehensive Child Care Program (CCCP)**

Provides child care subsidy for children in licensed family homes and centers that have contracts with the City CCCP.

**Contact:**

(206) 386-1050

#### **Working Connections Child Care (subsidy for full day or part day child care)**

**For eligibility:**

Go to Trial Eligibility Calculator at	<a href="http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/">http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/</a>
Contact On-Line CSO	<a href="http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov">http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov</a>
Call center	(877) 980-9131

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Comprehensive Child Care Program (CCCP) serves families whose income are between 175% and 300% of Federal Poverty Level. See page 12-13 for details.

Working Connections serves families whose income is 175% of Federal Poverty Level and under. See page 11 for details.

### **Help Finding Child Care**

For referral to licensed family child care homes, preschools and/or centers

**Contact information:**

Child Care Resources (206) 329-5544

### **Who is eligible?**

Child Care Resources serves any family in our community!

### **Early Head Start**

A comprehensive early childhood program with strong family support component for low-income families

**First AME Head Start**

4436 Rainier Avenue South

This program provides both home visiting and center-based services to children who live city-wide.

**United Indians Early Head Start**

(206) 285-4425 ext. 16

Native American based program providing home based services city-wide. Also has large Latino population of children, Spanish-speaking teachers and many services in Spanish.

### **Who is eligible?**

Head Start programs select families based on AGE, INCOME and NEED

Early Head Start serves:

- families living below the Federal Poverty Level,
- families who have children with disabilities and
- some families with higher incomes
- foster children
- families receiving cash assistance (TANF, SSI)

Please apply to the program to see if your family qualifies for services.

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*Early Head Start, Continued*

***Neighborhood House Early Head Start***

walk in at 7054 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S or call (206) 760-9330 ext. 247

This program is a home visiting program and primarily serves families living in Seattle Housing Authority garden complexes (Yesler Terrace, New Holly, High Point, Rainier Vista). They can serve a limited number of other families who live within reasonable driving distance and want to be served by NH. Current families are 90% immigrants and refugees. Family services are provided in the families' languages and interpreters are available.

***To view maps of the Seattle Head Start areas, see Appendix A at the end of this guide. Parents may choose a program not in their area if the program better meets family needs.***

***Services for children with special needs***

For referral for educational program for child with special needs

***Community Health Access Program***

(206) 284-0331 or (800) 756-5437



## RESOURCES IN SEATTLE

for children age 3 to 5 years old

### **Help paying for child care**

#### **City of Seattle Comprehensive Child Care Program (CCCP)**

Provides child care subsidy for children in licensed family homes and centers that have contracts with the City CCCP.

*Contact:*

(206) 386-1050

#### **Working Connections Child Care (subsidy for full day or part day child care)**

*For eligibility:*

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### **Help Finding Child Care**

For referral to licensed family child care homes, preschools and/or centers

*Contact information:*

Child Care Resources (206) 329-5544

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Child Care Resources serves any family in our community!

### **Head Start**

Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood development program that also provides health, nutrition and family support services for low income families. The programs in Seattle serve specific geographic areas, however, families may choose to enroll children in a program out of their geographic area if they wish. If they do, they need to provide transportation. Locations of centers for each Head Start provider are listed below.

#### **Denise Louie Child Development Center**

*International District Site*

801 South Lane, Seattle 98104 (206) 621-7880

*Beacon Hill Site*

6230 Beacon Avenue South, Seattle 98108 (206) 725-9740

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Head Start programs select families based on AGE, INCOME and NEED

Head Start serves:

- families living below the Federal Poverty Level
- families who have children with disabilities and
- some families with higher incomes
- foster children
- families receiving cash assistance (TANF, SSI)

Please apply to the program to see if your family qualifies for services.

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Head Start continued

**Seattle School District Head Start** **(206) 252-0960**

*Elementary School Sites providing Head Start include:*

African American Academy	AM & PM sessions
Broadview/Thompson Elementary	AM & PM sessions
Concord Elementary School	AM & PM sessions
Concord YMCA	Full day
Cooper YMCA	Full day
Hawthorne Elementary School	AM & PM sessions
High Point 7 Elementary School	AM & PM sessions
High Point 8 Elementary School	AM & PM sessions
Olympic Hills Elementary School	AM & PM sessions
Olympic Hills YMCA	Full day
Rainier View Elementary School	AM & PM sessions
Roxhill Elementary School	AM sessions
Thurgood Marshall YMCA	Full day
Van Asselt Elementary School	AM & PM sessions
Whittier Elementary School	AM & PM sessions

**First AME Head Start**

*Brighton Center*

6721 51st Avenue S (206) 723-8853

*Dorothy Hollingsworth Center*

1522 14th Avenue (206) 322-6637

*Odessa Brown Center*

172 20th Avenue (206) 322-3063

*SVI Center*

2021 S. Jackson (206) 344-4421

**Neighborhood House Head Start** **(206) 760-9330 ext. 247**

or walk in at 7054 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S

*Site locations:*

High Point	2900 Graham
Rainier Vista	3004 S. Alaska
Yesler Terrace	821 Yesler Way
New Holly	7054 32 <sup>nd</sup> Ave S

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*Head Start continued*

This program primarily serves families living in Seattle Housing Authority garden complexes. They will serve others who want to enroll their children in this program if the family is able to transport children to the program. Currently 90% of enrolled children are in immigrant and refugee families. Neighborhood House provides family services in the family's language and has many interpreters.

**United Indians Head Start**

(206) 285-4425 ext.16

This program specializes in serving Native American families. They offer morning and afternoon preschool classes located in Discovery Park on Magnolia Hill. The agency also serves a large Latino population of children and features many Spanish-speaking teachers and many services in Spanish.

**To view maps of the Seattle Head Start areas, see Appendix A at the end of this guide. Parents may choose a program not in their area if the program better meets family needs.**

**ECEAP**

The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program is a state funded family development program very similar to Head Start. They are able to serve families with incomes up to 110% of Federal Poverty Level.

**City of Seattle, Human Services Department**

**Contact information:**

618 Second Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Seattle 98104

(206) 386-1050

Twelve agencies throughout Seattle contract with the City to provide ECEAP services. Call the above number to find the one best suited to a family's needs.

**United Indians ECEAP**

Native Americans based AM & PM preschool program located in Discovery Park on Magnolia Hill. Also has a large Latino population of children, Spanish-speaking teachers and many services in Spanish.

**Contact information:**

Maria Behrens Family Services Manager

(206) 285-4425 ext.16

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

ECEAP programs select families based on AGE, INCOME and NEED

ECEAP serves:

- families with an income up to 110% of Federal Poverty Level.  
*See page 15 for details.*
- children with disabilities
- foster children
- families receiving cash assistance (TANF, SSI)
- some families with higher incomes

Please apply to the program to see if your family qualifies for services.

**Services for children with special needs**

For referral for educational program for child with special needs

**Community Health Access Program**

(206) 284-0331

or

(800) 756-5437

## RESOURCES IN NORTH KING COUNTY

for children age birth to 3 years old

### **Help paying for child care**

#### **Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)**

Child Care financial assistance for the residences of certain cities outside the City of Seattle limits who are not qualified for any other child care subsidy programs and are working and /or in school. Serves families with income up to 80% of Median income for HUD (go to page 10 for income guidelines)

#### **Contact information:**

Child Care Resources (206) 329-1011

Amount of financial assistance is based on income and parent pays the difference of the assistance and full price of child care.

#### **Working Connections Child Care (subsidy for full day or part day child care)**

#### **For eligibility:**

Go to Trial Eligibility Calculator at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/>

Contact On-Line CSO <http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov>

Call center (877) 980-9131

#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

CCFAP serves families who earn up to 80% of Median Income as defined by HUD.  
*See page 10 for details.*

Working Connections serves families whose income is 175% of Federal Poverty Level and under.  
*See page 11 for details.*

### **Help Finding Child Care**

For referral to licensed family child care homes, preschools and /or centers

#### **Contact information:**

Child Care Resources (206) 329-5544

#### **Who is eligible?**

Child Care Resources serves any family in our community!

### **Early Head Start**

A comprehensive early childhood program with strong family support component for low-income families

There are no Early Head Start Programs in North King County at this time.

### **Services for children with special needs**

For referral for educational program for child with special needs

#### **Community Health Access Program**

(206) 284-0331 or (800) 756-5437

# RESOURCES IN NORTH KING COUNTY

age 3 to 5 years old

## Help paying for child care

### Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)

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**Contact information:**

Child Care Resources	(206) 329-1011
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Go to Trial Eligibility Calculator at	<a href="http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/">http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/</a>
Contact On-Line CSO	<a href="http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov">http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov</a>
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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

CCFAP serves families who earn up to 80% of Median Income as defined by HUD.  
See page 10 for details.

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See page 11 for details.

## Help Finding Child Care

For referral to licensed family child care homes, preschools and /or centers

**Contact information:**

Child Care Resources	(206) 329-5544
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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

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## Head Start

Offered by Puget Sound ESD Head Start

### Northshore School District Head Start (425) 489-6376

This part day program serves children Monday – Thursday for a morning or afternoon session. Transportation is provided to the site nearest the child’s home.

**Sorenson Early Childhood Center**

19705 NE 88 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Bothell	(425) 489-6434	(425) 489-4882
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**Wooden Elementary**

12950 NE 195 <sup>th</sup> St, Bothell	(425) 489-6434	(425) 489-4882
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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Head Start programs select families based on AGE, INCOME and NEED

Head Start serves:

- families living below the Federal Poverty Level  
See page 15 for details.
- families who have children with disabilities and
- some families with higher incomes
- foster children
- families receiving cash assistance (TANF, SSI)

Please apply to the program to see if your family qualifies for services.

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*Head Start continued*

***Shoreline School District Head Start*** ***(206) 368-4120***

This program offers both part day services (Monday – Thursday for a morning or afternoon session with transportation provided) and full day child care services (Monday through Friday; subsidy required.)

*Meridian Park Elementary*

17077 Meridian Ave N, Shoreline

(206) 368-4120

***Services for children with special needs***

For referral for educational program for child with special needs

*Community Health Access Program*

(206) 284-0331

or

(800) 756-5437

# RESOURCES IN EAST KING COUNTY

for children age birth to 3 years old

## **Help paying for child care**

### **Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)**

Child Care financial assistance for the residences of certain cities outside the City of Seattle limits who are not qualified for any other child care subsidy programs and are working and /or in school. Serves families with income up to 80% of Median income for HUD (go to page 10 for income guidelines)

#### **Contact information:**

Child Care Resources	(206) 329-1011
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Amount of financial assistance is based on income and parent pays the difference of the assistance and full price of child care.

### **Working Connections Child Care (subsidy for full day or part day child care)**

#### **For eligibility:**

Go to Trial Eligibility Calculator at	<a href="http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/">http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/</a>
Contact On-Line CSO	<a href="http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov">http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov</a>
Call center	(877) 980-9131

### **Bellevue Schools Foundation**

(3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

#### **Contact:**

Bellevue School District	(425) 456-4030
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Pays for full day preschool and school age care in Bellevue School District child care. BSF supplements funds for City of Bellevue residents when DSHS Working Connections Child Care Subsidy Program or King County funds are insufficient. Serves families with income up to 80% of Median income for HUD.

### **Lake Heights Family YMCA scholarship**

(6 weeks to 12 years)

#### **Contact:**

Judy Richard	(425) 644-8417 ext.16
5225 119 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue WA 98006	

Scholarship with parent paying difference between scholarship and full price of child care.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

CCFAP serves families who earn up to 80% of Median Income as defined by HUD.

*See page 10 for details.*

Working Connections serves families whose income is 175% of Federal Poverty Level and under.

*See page 11 for details.*

### **Help Finding Child Care**

For referral to licensed family child care homes, preschools and/or centers

*Contact information:*

Child Care Resources (206) 329-5544

### **Who is eligible?**

Child Care Resources serves any family in our community!

### **Early Head Start**

Head Start is available for children age 1 month to 5 years old at selected family child care homes in East King County. Because this is a child care based model, families must have a subsidy or other means to pay for child care.

*Contact information:*

Puget Sound ESD (206) 439-6910, ext. 4936

### **Who is eligible?**

Head Start programs select families based on AGE, INCOME and NEED

Early Head Start serves:

- families living below the Federal Poverty Level  
*See page 15 for details.*
- families who have children with disabilities and
- some families with higher incomes
- foster children
- families receiving cash assistance (TANF, SSI)

Please apply to the program to see if your family qualifies for services.



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## RESOURCES IN EAST KING COUNTY

for children age 3 to 5 years old

### **Help paying for child care**

#### **Working Connections Child Care (subsidy for full day or part day child care)**

*For eligibility:*

Go to Trial Eligibility Calculator at	<a href="http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/">http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/</a>
Contact On-Line CSO	<a href="http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov">http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov</a>
Call center	(877) 980-9131

#### **Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)**

Child Care financial assistance for the residences of certain cities outside the City of Seattle limits who are not qualified for any other child care subsidy programs and are working and /or in school. Serves families with income up to 80% of Median income for HUD (go to page 10 for income guidelines)

*Contact information:*

Child Care Resources	(206) 329-1011
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Amount of financial assistance is based on income and parent pays the difference of the assistance and full price of child care.

#### **Bellevue Schools Foundation**

(3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

*Contact information:*

Bellevue School District	(425) 456-4030
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Pays for full day preschool and school age care in Bellevue School District child care. BSF supplements funds for City of Bellevue residents when DSHS Working Connections Child Care Subsidy Program or King County funds are insufficient. Serves families with income up to 80% of Median income for HUD.

#### **Lake Heights Family YMCA scholarship**

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5225 119 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue WA 98006	

Scholarships with parent paying difference between scholarship and full price of child care.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

CCFAP serves families who earn up to 80% of Median Income as defined by HUD.

*See page 10 for details.*

Working Connections serves families whose income is 175% of Federal Poverty Level and under.

*See page 11 for details.*

**Help Finding Child Care**

For referral to licensed family child care homes, preschools and/or centers

*Contact information:*

Child Care Resources (206) 329-5544

**Who is eligible?**

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**Head Start and ECEAP**

*Offered by Puget Sound ESD*

Bellevue Head Start	full day services	(425) 456-6062
Bellevue Community College Head Start	full day services	(425) 564-2308
Children's Services of Sno Valley ECEAP		(425) 888-2777
Enumclaw ECEAP		(360) 802-7409
Hope Link Head Start (Bellevue)		(425) 462-1456
Issaquah Head Start		(425) 837-7523
Lake Washington Head Start		(425) 882-8170
Northshore Head Start		(425) 489-6434
Redmond Family Village YWCA Head Start		(425) 556-1355
Riverview ECEAP		(425) 844-4748
Tahoma ECEAP		(425) 432-2067

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Head Start programs select families based on AGE, INCOME and NEED

Head Start serves:

- families living below the Federal Poverty Level  
*See page 15 for details.*
- families who have children with disabilities and
- some families with higher incomes
- foster children
- families receiving cash assistance (TANF, SSI)

Please apply to the program to see if your family qualifies for services.

# RESOURCES IN SOUTH KING COUNTY

for children age birth to 3 years old

## Help paying for child care

### Working Connections Child Care (subsidy for full day or part day child care)

For eligibility:

Go to Trial Eligibility Calculator at	<a href="http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/">http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/</a>
Contact On-Line CSO	<a href="http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov">http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov</a>
Call center	(877) 980-9131

### Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)

Child Care financial assistance for the residences of certain cities outside the City of Seattle limits who are not qualified for any other child care subsidy programs and are working and /or in school. Serves families with income up to 80% of Median income for HUD (go to page 10 for income guidelines)

Contact information:

Child Care Resources	(206) 329-1011
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Amount of financial assistance is based on income and parent pays the difference of the assistance and full price of child care.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Working Connections serves families whose income is 175% of Federal Poverty Level and under.

See page 11 for details.

CCFAP serves families who earn up to 80% of Median Income as defined by HUD.

See page 10 for details.

## Help Finding Child Care

For referral to licensed family child care homes, preschools and /or centers

Contact information:

Child Care Resources	(206) 329-5544
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## Who is eligible?

Child Care Resources serves any family in our community!

## Early Head Start

A comprehensive early childhood program with strong family support component for low-income families

Contact information:

Children's Home Society	(253) 850-2582
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Provides both full day center based and home based Head Start services. For center based services, parents /guardians are responsible for transportation and must have child care subsidy or other means to pay for child care.

## Who is eligible?

Head Start programs select families based on AGE, INCOME and NEED

Early Head Start serves:

- families living below the Federal Poverty Level,
- families who have children with disabilities and
- some families with higher incomes
- foster children
- families receiving cash assistance (TANF, SSI)

Please apply to the program to see if your family qualifies for services.

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## RESOURCES IN SOUTH KING COUNTY

*for children age 3 to 5 years old*

### **Help paying for child care**

#### **Working Connections Child Care (subsidy for full day or part day child care)**

*For eligibility:*

Go to Trial Eligibility Calculator at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/>

Contact On-Line CSO <http://www.onlineapp.dshs.wa.gov>

Call center (877) 980-9131

#### **Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)**

Child Care financial assistance for the residences of certain cities outside the City of Seattle limits who are not qualified for any other child care subsidy programs and are working and /or in school. Serves families with income up to 80% of Median income for HUD (go to page 10 for income guidelines)

*Contact information:*

Child Care Resources (206) 329-1011

Amount of financial assistance is based on income and parent pays the difference of the assistance and full price of child care.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Working Connections serves families whose income is 175% of Federal Poverty Level and under.

*See page 11 for details.*

CCFAP serves families who earn up to 80% of Median Income as defined by HUD.

*See page 10 for details.*

### **Help Finding Child Care**

For referral to licensed family child care homes, preschools and /or centers

*Contact information:*

Child Care Resources (206) 329-5544

### **Who is eligible?**

Child Care Resources serves any family in our community!

## Head Start and ECEAP

### Offered by Puget Sound ESD

#### Part Day

Offered Monday – Thursday, morning or afternoon. Transportation generally available. Preference is given to 4 year olds.

School Districts and agencies offering part day Head Start and /or ECEAP:

Renton School District	(425) 204-9337	or	(425) 204-2241
Kent Youth and Family Services	(253) 852-9748	or	(253) 854-8768
Auburn School District			(253) 931-4943
Federal Way School District			(253) 945-2379
Highline School District	(206) 762-6070	or	(206) 433-2325
Tukwila School District			(206) 901-7743
Enumclaw School District			(360) 802-7409
Tahoma School District			(425) 432-5760

#### Full Day

This is a child care based model; families pay for child care with subsidy or other means, Head Start services are free. Transportation is not provided. Three and four year old children served.

South King County Child care Centers offering full day Head Start

#### Renton

Learning Land II	(425) 793-5924
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#### Kent

Kent Youth and Family Services	(253) 852-9748
Learning Land	(253) 639-1517
Toddler Town	(253) 529-3899
Children's Home Society	(253) 850-2582

#### Federal Way

The Little Firehouse	(253) 661-6605
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#### Auburn

ACAP	(253) 939-0870
Green River Community College	(253) 939-7400

#### White Center/Burien

Curiosity Corner School	(206) 246-5641
Highline Head Start	(206) 277-7108

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

ECEAP programs select families based on AGE, INCOME and NEED

ECEAP serves:

- families with an income up to 110% of Federal Poverty Level.  
*See page 15 for details.*
- children with disabilities
- foster children
- families receiving cash assistance (TANF, SSI)
- some families with higher incomes

Please apply to the program to see if your family qualifies for services.

*(Head Start and ECEAP continued)*

***Family Child Care***

Child care based model; families pay for child care with subsidy or other means, Head Start services are free. Transportation is not provided. Serves children one month to kindergarten age in licensed family child care homes. Family Child Care Homes are located in Burien, Renton, Federal Way, Kent, Pacific, and Black Diamond.

Please, call for more details or to inquire about openings.

***Family Child Care***

(206) 493-6910 ext.4936

***Muckleshoot Head Start***

39015 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE, Auburn 98092 (253) 939-3311, ext. 243

Offers full-day (Monday through Thursday), full year program as well as half-day program (Monday through Thursday) with option of attending summer school if special services are needed. Native American preference, but open to children in most areas of Auburn and to non-Native children on the reservation. Ninety percent of families must be under income.

***United Indians of All Tribes Foundation***

P.O. Box 99100, Daybreak Star Center/Discovery Park, Seattle 98199 (206) 285-4425, ext. 39

Native American program; accepts all children in Seattle and some parts of King County south of Seattle.