

SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE, OTHER THAN HEAD START

**Childcare described below is administered by the local government,
not the federal government, in contrast to Head Start.**

TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE FOR THOSE LEAVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE This is for people who have left Public Assistance (welfare) and begun working. It is available through the Human Resources Administration (HRA) for up to 1 year after leaving Public Assistance.

TO ACCESS IT, go through your Temporary Assistance Caseworker. If you do not automatically receive information about Transitional Child Care assistance when your PA case is closed, contact HRA at **718-557-1399** or call **311**.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, a family must meet all the following criteria:

- Need child care in order to WORK. If you are not working, you are not eligible for Transitional Child Care.
- Have received Public Assistance for 3 of the 6 months before the case was closed.
- Have children under the age of 13 (or between 13 and 18 and physically or mentally unable to care for themselves).
- Immigration requirements for subsidized child care are based on the immigration status of the child receiving it, not the parent. Said child must be a US Citizen or a qualified alien. There are exceptions; some childcare programs do **not** require the child to be documented. In all these programs, the parents can be undocumented; they should leave blank the question re: Social Security number.
- Assets, i.e., savings and real estate, are not considered for eligibility, only regular income. Tax refunds or tax credits do not count as income.
- Earn under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, as shown in the chart below:

Family Size*	2P	3P	4P	5P	6P
Monthly Gross Income 200%FPL	\$2,903	\$3,660	\$4,417	\$5173.00	5930
Annual Gross Income 200%FPL	\$34,840	\$43,920	\$53,000	\$62,080	\$71,160

* A pregnant woman counts as ONE person for Transitional Child Care.

THOSE SAME INCOME ELIGIBILITY RULES APPLY FOR OTHER FAMILY SITUATIONS, i.e. FAMILIES NOT TRANSITIONING

FROM WELFARE TO WORK. These families may be eligible for childcare through the Administration for Children's Services (ACS).

- Families currently receiving Public Assistance and engaged in approved work activities
- Families not on Public Assistance, but needing preventative or protective services for their children
- Families not on Public Assistance, but who have low incomes
- For information and eligibility information for these families:

<https://access.nyc.gov/programs/child-care-voucher/>

Weekly fees for ACS child care are on a sliding scale based on family size and income. There is no extra charge if a family has more than one child in ACS child care.

If you are at the end of your 12 months of Transitional Child Care after Temporary Assistance (above), you should automatically receive an application from ACS to transfer your child care subsidy from HRA to ACS. If you do not receive an ACS application before the end of your Transitional Child Care, call **311**.

or

If you have not been receiving Transitional Child Care assistance, ask at the child care center you choose if you can apply for a subsidy through them. If you cannot apply at the center you choose or through a community organization or if you have not chosen a center, you can call **311** and ask to apply for Subsidized Child Care. The operator will help you complete the process.

Phone number to call for more information:

- Administration for Children's Services, Early Care: **212-835-7610**
- Plug your numbers into this tool to see if your child is eligible:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/chidcare_eligibility/wizard.html

FINDING ACTUAL CHILD CARE SERVICES

Call the Day Care Council at **212-206-7818** or **311** for a list of your local child care providers. Or, you can search for a family day care, group family day care, or day care center online at **<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/looking.asp>**. At this website, click on "Search for Child Care" on the left, then again "Search for Child Care," then "New York State Childcare." Then fill in as much as you can. (Filling this out and reading about your choices gives you information about child care sites at the same time.)