

Childcare Voucher Service Centers (2017):

Child Care Circuit 800-660-2868, 978-681-9684 Lawrence

BEDFORD	CARLISLE	LINCOLN	
<u>Also</u>			
ARLINGTON	BILLERICA	BURLINGTON	CHELMSFORD
LEXINGTON	LOWELL	TEWKSBURY	WINCHESTER
WILMINGTON	WOBURN		

Child Care Resources, 508-755-2340 Worcester

MAYNARD	SUDBURY		
<u>Also</u>			
BERLIN	FRAMINGHAM	HUDSON	MARLBORO
NATICK	STOW	WAYLAND	

Child Care Resources, 978-343-7395 Fitchburg

ACTON	BOXBORO	CONCORD	HARVARD
LITTLETON	WESTFORD		
<u>Also</u>			
ASHBY	AYER	BOLTON	CLINTON
DEVENS	DUNSTABLE	GROTON	LANCASTER
LEOMINSTER	LUNENBURG	PEPPERELL	SHIRLEY
TOWNSEND	WINCHENDON		

Quincy Community Action Program, 617-657-5302 Quincy

BELMONT	NEWTON	WALTHAM	WATERTOWN
WELLESLEY	WESTON		

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CHILDCARE VOUCHER STATEWIDE WAITLIST

Massachusetts residents should call: 211 or go to www.mass211.org to be screened for eligibility for childcare subsidy vouchers. If eligible you will be referred

to one of the regional childcare offices to be entered onto the statewide wait list for a voucher. The subsidy only applies to families who meet the "activity" requirement (working or in school a minimum of 20 hours per week for part-time care or 30 hours per week for full-time care, other than graduate school). Children must be citizens of the U.S. Parents or children with a diagnosed and documented disability or special need may also be eligible. The wait list can take years, and there are multiple wait list categories, so apply early if you feel your family may need financial assistance for preschool, day care and/or after-school care. Eligibility info at:

<http://www.mass.gov/edu/birth-grade-12/early-education-and-care/financial-assistance/financial-assistance-for-families/>

You can apply for a subsidy through the above website, or through one of the Resource and Referral Agencies on the previous page. When your name comes up on the wait list you will be required to visit the intake office with documentation of your income and you will have eight weeks to meet the activity requirement.

CONCORD AREA PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION Marcia Stern Scholarship Program

Anita Stevanazzi-Hill, 978-318-3045

Tuition assistance to families of preschool children living in Concord, Carlisle and the surrounding towns, or to children attending a Concord area preschool. Families can receive only one \$1,500 tuition grant per child in a given year. Priority is given to 4 or 5 year olds who will attend kindergarten next year.

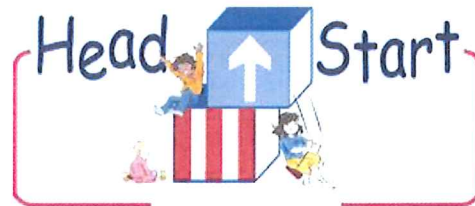
PRIVATE PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Private individual preschools may have a scholarship program to offset the tuition cost for your child. Information may be found on websites, or by asking during a visit or during the application process.

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH-HARVARD- LITTLETON EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Carol.pikcingis@usa.net 978-263-2064

Partial tuition assistance is available to eligible working families. Applicants must be a resident of, or child must attend a preschool in, Acton, Boxborough, Harvard or Littleton. Parents must be working 20 hours minimum and be at or below 85% of the State Median Income level. Certain exceptions may apply. 4 year olds who have not attended preschool are prioritized.



HEAD START PROGRAMS

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/

There are no Head Start programs located in the First Connections catchment area, but if your family is eligible financially you should apply directly to the program closest to where you live. Head Start provides free comprehensive early education and support services for children age 3-5 and their families. Transportation may be available. To find out if your family income is **at or below the Federal Poverty Guideline** for Head Start go to:

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

Some exceptions may be made for families moderately over these amounts. If your family or child receives any of the following benefits, your child is categorically eligible: **TANF, SSI, Child is a Foster Child, Family is Homeless**

Lawrence:	978-681-4920 or 4623
Woburn/Waltham:	617-744-6076 x228
Framingham/Marlboro:	508-620-2674
Lowell:	978-654-7130
Leominster/Clinton:	978-343-0185 x308