



CHILD CARE WORKS*

Federal and state-supported child care subsidies are provided to income-eligible families (200% of poverty), who either work or attend school or training programs and pay a co-pay. Subsidies are paid directly to a provider in a home, child care center, or community-based setting.



HEAD START*

Federally-funded comprehensive early childhood education program supplemented by state investment (Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program, HSSAP). Infant/toddler and pre-kindergarten opportunities at no cost to income-eligible families (100% of poverty). Children with developmental delays or disabilities, or English as a Second Language learners may also qualify. Programs are found in homes, child care centers, schools, and community-based settings.



PRE-K COUNTS*

State-supported high-quality pre-kindergarten opportunities at no cost to income-eligible families (300% of poverty). Children with developmental delays or disabilities, or English as a Second Language learners may also qualify. Pre-K Counts classrooms are found in child care centers and schools.



SCHOOL DISTRICT

School districts allocate funds from their general fund to support their pre-kindergarten programs.



PRIVATELY FUNDED BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN

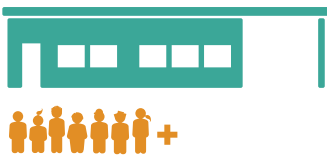
User-funded programming often provided by a non-profit, for-profit, religious organization, or university.

* Families can visit their local ELRC for assistance with finding child care or determining if they are eligible for subsidy.

BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN FUNDING

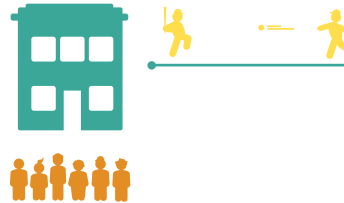
CHILD CARE CENTER

Care and education provided to more than seven children in a center that is state certified by the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL).



FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME

One caregiver who provides care and education for three to six children who are not related to them in a home setting that is state certified by OCDEL.



GROUP CHILD CARE HOME

Care and education provided for up to 12 children in a home or commercial setting that is state certified by OCDEL.



RELATIVE CARE

One caregiver who provides care and education for no more than three related children in a home setting who may be eligible for subsidy reimbursement.



WHAT DOES EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE LOOK LIKE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



PUBLIC SCHOOL

A school that provides pre-kindergarten programming (may be funded privately or publicly).



PRIVATE SCHOOL

A school that provides pre-kindergarten programming (funded by the individual family or school).



PUBLICLY FUNDED SUPPORTS



CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)

CACFP provides aid for the provision of nutritious foods for children birth through school age.



QUALITY ASSURANCE

Keystone STARS is Pennsylvania's quality rating and improvement system. NAEYC, NAFCC, and NECPA accreditation are voluntary private-pay national initiatives. The ELRCs offer access to information, services, and resources to promote high-quality early childhood education. Quality Coaches provide support and technical assistance to programs working to build quality.



HOME VISITING PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Home visiting services give parents and others raising children the support necessary to improve their health, safety, literacy, and economic self-sufficiency. Trained professionals visit women, families, and children to provide parent education and support, in order to promote child well-being and development. The six evidence-based home visiting models in PA include: Early Head Start; The Family Check-Up; Healthy Families America; Nurse-Family Partnership; Parents as Teachers; and SafeCare Augmented.



EARLY INTERVENTION

System of publicly-funded services for children, birth to age five with developmental delays or disabilities. Early Intervention supports and services are embedded in typical routines and activities, within the family, community, and/or early care and education settings.