

CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES

The Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) provides financial assistance to eligible families seeking care at early education and care or out of school time programs. Families must generally meet income and activity requirements to be eligible for EEC financial assistance. Due to limited funding, eligible families may be placed on the EEC waiting list for financial assistance until funding becomes available.

In order to be eligible for EEC Financial Assistance, all parents/guardians in your household must meet both an income and an activity requirement.

1. Income Requirement

Use the income eligibility table to see if your income meets the criteria for assistance

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/early-education-and-care-financial-assistance-for-families#-eligibility-requirements->

2. Activity Requirement

If you meet the income requirement above, all parents/guardians in the household **must also** be participating in one of the following activities:

- Working, seeking employment, or enrolled in an education or training program (not including graduate, law, or medical school) for at least 20 hours per week for part-time care, and at least 30 hours per week for full-time care;
- Retired (if older than 65 years only); or
- You or your child has a diagnosed and documented disability or special need.

To find out if you are eligible for EEC financial assistance, contact:

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Even if your family is eligible, you may have to wait a long time due to limited funding. It is important to apply though, as some families may get prioritized, depending on their circumstances.