

## Financial Assistance & Child Care Subsidies

### DTA Voucher

This child care subsidy is funded through the Department of Transitional Assistance. Participants must be currently receiving TAFDC (Transitional Aid for Families with Dependent Children) and be referred by a DTA worker for immediate access to child care. To find out if you are eligible, contact your local DTA office or visit them on-line at <http://www.mass.gov/dta>.

### Income-Eligible (I-E) Vouchers

I-E Vouchers are funded through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and managed by local Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies. Parents or guardians must meet income guidelines and have a %service need+ (i.e. employment and/or attending school or an education/training program) for 30 hours per week for full-time care. Parents may pay a portion of the child care fees which is determined by family size and the gross monthly income of the household. To access this financial assistance, parents must place their name and information on the Massachusetts Centralized Statewide Waiting List. To place your family information on this list, contact the Waitlist Intake Specialist at P.A.C.E. INC. Child Care Works at (508) 999-9930 ext. 127.

### Contracted Slots

Licensed Child Care programs and Family Child Care Systems hold direct contracts with the Department of Early Education and Care for the provision of subsidized child care. Parents or guardians must meet income guidelines and have a %service need+ (i.e. employment and/or attending school or an education/training program) for 30 hours per week for full-time care. Parents may pay a portion of the child care fees which is determined by family size and the gross monthly income of the household. To access this financial assistance, parents must place their name and information on the Massachusetts Centralized Statewide Waiting List. To place your family information on this list, either contact a contracted provider or our Waitlist Intake Specialist at P.A.C.E. INC. Child Care Works at (508) 999-9930 ext. 127.

#### ***What is the difference between an I-E voucher and a contracted slot?***

*A [voucher](#) can be used with any child care provider or program that accepts vouchers and meets licensing requirements in the state of Massachusetts.*

*A [contracted child care slot](#) is a subsidized space in a specific school, center or family child care system. Once a child leaves that contracted program, the slot becomes available for another child on the programs wait list.*

### Community Partnerships for Children Subsidies

The Community Partnerships for Children (CPC) is a program funded in local communities by the Department of Early Education and Care to children 2.9 years to 5 years. Parents or guardians must meet income guidelines and have a %service need+ (i.e. employment and/or attending school or an education/training program) for 30 hours per week for full-time care. Parents may pay a portion of the child care fees which is determined by family size and the gross monthly income of the household. To access this financial assistance, parents must place their name and information on the Massachusetts Centralized Statewide Waiting List. To place your family information on this list, contact our Waitlist Intake Specialist at P.A.C.E. INC. Child Care Works at (508) 999-9930 ext. 127.

### Head Start

This federally program provides care for low-income families with children ages 3 to 5 years of age. Family income must be at or below the federal poverty guidelines. Parents can apply when for this funding when their child reaches 2.8 years of age. Contact: P.A.C.E. Head Start at 508-999-1286, or at <http://www.paceheadstart.org>