

CHILD CARE

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Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

Child Care Assistance is available to Families who meet income guidelines and are working a minimum of 20 hours per week at or above Rhode Island's minimum wage. The CCAP will help pay child care costs to providers who meet certain criteria. The family may be required to make a co-payment based on the household income and family size.

[CCAP Family Eligibility & How to Apply | RI Department of Human Services](#) for more information.

Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge

The Rhode Island Early Learning Challenge Grant is committed to designing and implementing an integrated system of high quality early learning programs and services that improve outcome of young children. Exceed supports the children of Rhode Island to achieve new heights in their learning.

For locations: 1-855-398-7605

For an application: (401) 462-5300

<https://exceed.ri.gov>

Head Start and Early Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start are federally funded programs designed to improve the school readiness of children in low income families. Services provided include education, health, dental health, mental health and nutrition. In addition, the programs provide services for families including intensive social services, parent education programs, housing assistance and adult education. Both Head Start and Early Head Start focus on the entire family, not just the child.

- Head Start serves low income children and their families two years prior to kindergarten entry.
- Early Head Start serves low income pregnant women and children from birth to age 3.

[Head Start Eligibility & How to Apply | RI Department of Human Services](#) for more information.

Early Intervention Program

RI's Early Intervention Program promotes the growth and development of infants and toddlers who have a development disability or delay in one or more areas. Developmental disabilities or delays can affect a child's speech, physical ability or social skills.

[Early Intervention Program | Executive Office of Health and Human Services \(ri.gov\)](#) for more information.

Department of Children, Youth and Families

DCYF partners with families and communities to raise safe and healthy children in a caring environment by offering a variety of programs and safety homes for children.

DCYF is a place that gives opportunities to adopt, foster and care for children. DCYF also provides juvenile corrections and reporting for the abuse/neglect of children.

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