

Eligibility Requirements

Early Head Start/Head Start Eligibility

How do I know if I'm eligible for Head Start?

- A family whose income before taxes is below the poverty line
- A family that is receiving public assistance, even if the family's income exceeds the poverty line.
- Children in foster care, regardless of family income.

How can I enroll my child in Head Start?

- You must apply to a Head Start or Early Head Start program in your community, closest to where you live. Your local program will provide the required forms and answer your questions.

What do I need to bring to enroll my child?

- Proof of residence (lease agreement or mortgage statement, utility bill, etc.)
- Child's birth certificate
- Child's up to date immunization records
- Proof of address
- Parent identification
- Proof of income (1040, W2, SSI documentation, TANF documentation, child support printout, pay stubs, scholarship/grants/student loan documentation, foster care statement)

Public Pre-Kindergarten Eligibility

How do I know if I'm eligible for Pre-Kindergarten?

- A child must be at least four years of age and fit at least one of the following criteria: 1) Be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; 2) educationally disadvantaged, which means a student eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program; 3) homeless, as defined by 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1143a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child; 4) the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; 5) the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty, 6) be in, or have been in, the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code.

How can I enroll my child in Pre-Kindergarten?

- Parents need to enroll child at the elementary school they are zoned to attend and the child must be 4 years old before September 1.

What do I need to bring to enroll my child?

- Proof of residence in the school district (lease agreement or mortgage statement, utility bill, etc.)
- Health records/immunization (Clinic record, doctor's statement of proof of exempt status required)
- Birth certificate
- Social Security card (if child has one)
- Proof of limited English proficiency (if applicable)
- Proof of income (current check stub)

Child Care Financial Aid Eligibility

How do I know if I'm eligible for Financial Assistance?

Must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Live in one of the following thirteen counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Wharton
- Work at least 25 hours per week or; go to school full-time or; work and go to school combined for at least 25 hours per week
- Meet Workforce Solutions family income guidelines according to the table below

Where do I call to get Financial Assistance?

- Call Workforce Solutions at 888-469-5627. When you hear the automated attendant and you are prompted to make a selection, select option 3 for financial aid. After you choose option 3, you will have an opportunity to choose other options.
- **Or** go to the **Workforce Solutions website**. If you qualify, you will go to the right hand side of the page and click "How to Apply for Financial Aid."

What do I need to bring with me to sign up for Financial Assistance?

- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal immigrant status for each child on whose behalf you are applying for child care financial aid (birth certificate, alien registration card I-551, etc.)
- Employment information for all household members including name, address, and phone number of the employer, work hours/days, rate of pay, how often paid
- Training information for all adult household members including name, address, and phone number of the school, days per week, current enrollment hours, total hours completed, anticipated graduation date and transcript
- Amount of household income received from other sources such as TANF, Child Support, SSI, etc. (child care financial assistance requires proof that you have applied for child-support through the Attorney General's Office)

The income guidelines are accurate through September 2018

2018 Income Eligibility Guidelines for a Family Size of	2018 Head Start Federal Poverty Guidelines	2018 Public Pre-Kindergarten Reduced Price Meals Guidelines	2018 Child Care Financial Aid Workforce Solution Federal Poverty Guidelines Monthly Gross Family Income	
			Initial Eligibility 200% FPG	Sustaining Eligibility 85% SMI
2	\$16,240	\$30,044	\$2,707	\$3,493
3	\$20,420	\$37,777	\$3,403	\$4,315
4	\$24,600	\$45,510	\$4,100	\$5,137
5	\$28,780	\$53,243	\$4,797	\$5,959
6	\$32,960	\$60,976	\$5,493	\$6,780
7	\$37,140	\$68,709	\$6,190	\$6,935
8	\$41,320	\$76,442	\$6,887	\$7,089

For questions related to eligibility requirements or for child care referrals, please call 713.600.1234 or 1.888.833.6805 to speak with a Parent Educator/Consultant

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