



Child Care

Finding Child Care

Start Early

Start looking for child care as you know you will need it; you often need to get on a waitlist before your baby is born

Call Local Experts

- Childcare Resources & Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs)
 - Can help with advice and child care searches
 - Can also help with filling out and taking applications for financial help if you qualify
- The Office of Head Start (OHS)- mass.gov/head-start
 - National program that helps prepare children for school by providing special services and experiences



Financial Assistance

- If you receive Transitional Assistance for Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), DTA child care: mass.gov
 - Free or low-cost child care for families on TAFDC right now or in the 12-months after receiving TAFDC
 - Families who qualify get first priority for child care vouchers and spots and do not have to put their names on a waiting list
 - For families who are working, looking for a job, in an approved education or job training program, or disabled
 - Apply through your Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)/TAFDC case worker
- Income-eligible Child Care:
 - Discounted child care for low-income non-TAFDC families who are working, looking for work, in an education or job training program, or disabled
 - Amount a family pays for child care depends on income and family size
 - Immigration status of the parent or caregiver does not matter
 - Long waitlists
 - Some families get priority; some priority families get help right away
 - Non-priority families only get help if there are no priority families on the waiting list



To apply: Contact Mass 211 referral hotline or contact your local CCR&Rs