

Financial Assistance Options

DTA Vouchers

You must currently be receiving TAFDC or have had an active case within the last year. Contact your local DTA office to see if you are eligible and to obtain a Child Care Authorization. DTA vouchers are for families who are working, looking for a job, in an approved education or job training program, or disabled. See the list of [DTA Office Locations](#), or call 1-800-249-2007 for more information.

Income Eligible Vouchers/State Income Eligible Slots

Child Care Resources is the Worcester County Child Care Voucher Program. Individuals who are not eligible for a DTA voucher, but meet income guidelines, work a minimum of 20 hours per week, are in school, have a child with a disability, or are an incapacitated parent may qualify. Call [Child Care Resources](#) for more information and to be placed on the Income Eligible Waiting List at (508) 856-7930.

Community Partnership for Children

This program offers subsidized child care for children between the age of 2 years, 9 mos. and 5 years old (or kindergarten entry). The Massachusetts [Department of Early Education and Care](#) funds this program. For additional information and to see if there is a CPC program covering the city you live in call our office at (800) 278-1503.

Head Start and Early Head Start

Head Start is a federally funded program that provides comprehensive services to both children and families. Acceptance into the program is based on federal income guidelines. You can use the [Head Start Locator](#) or you can call Head Start at (866) 763-6481 to find a program in your area.

Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

You may be able to lower your taxes and even get up to several thousand dollars back if you qualify for the EITC. To qualify you must be working full or part time and meet certain income eligibility requirements. For more information contact your tax preparer or the [Internal Revenue Service](#).

Other Resources

[Mass Resources.org](#) provides useful information about a wide range of assistance programs for people in need living in Massachusetts.