

For more information contact:



Ask about other help that may be available

- Bus vouchers to and from child care
- Links to social services such as:
 - Clothing banks
 - Counseling
 - Emergency housing
 - ESL programs
 - Health care
 - Job training
 - Legal services
 - Nutrition programs
 - Rental and energy assistance
 - Treatment facilities

Are you homeless? Do you need child care?

You may qualify
for short-term free
child care.



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Early Learning

Who qualifies?

Your family may qualify for short-term free child care if you:

- Do not have a home
- Live in a shelter, car or park
- Live in transitional housing
- Live temporarily with family or friends
- Are not able to access other child care subsidy programs

When can this child care be used?

This child care may be used while you are looking for work or doing activities to help you prepare for employment, such as:

- Looking for permanent housing
- Attending appointments for:
 - Medical/mental health care
 - Substance abuse
 - Violence avoidance
 - Legal appointments
 - Social services
- Attending short-term classes such as:
 - Job training
 - English as a second language (ESL)
 - General Educational Development (GED)



Who provides the child care?

- We can help you find a child care provider in your area.
- You can talk with several child care providers before child care arrangements are made.
- You choose the provider who is best for you and your child.

Child care is provided in licensed or certified:

- Child care centers, or
- Family home child cares

What can child care offer?

- Trained, caring staff
- Individualized care and attention
- A warm, clean, safe environment
- Healthy, nutritious meals
- Fun, supervised play activities including books, art and music

Please note:

Child Protective Services (CPS) will not take your child away because you are homeless. Homelessness is not child abuse or neglect.

