

## CHILDCARE



### VOUCHERS

Many families are eligible for a **childcare voucher** to cover some of the cost of daytime, afterschool, and/or summertime childcare. You can apply for a voucher by:

- Talking to your DTA caseworker, if you receive TAFDC
- Talking to your DCF caseworker, if you are involved with DCF
- Talking to your DHCD caseworker, if you are living in a shelter
- Calling 211 and following the prompts for childcare

Childcare vouchers are for families that have:

- **Children under 13**
- Adults who are all working, seeking employment, or enrolled in an education or training program for 20+ hours/week; adults who are retired and older than 65; or adults who have a disability or special need
- Income that meets the income requirements

Once you receive a voucher, you can search the **Department of Early Education and Care (EEC)** to find center- and home-based childcare providers that meet your needs:

<http://bit.ly/childcaresearch>



### HEAD START

If you have **children under 5 years old**, you might be eligible for free **Head Start** or **Early Head Start's** early education. To register, you must:

- Meet the income requirements
- Call ABCD to make an intake appointment: (617) 348-6388

Head Start also has services available for the whole family, including economic assistance, utility assistance, and clothing/home goods.