

Preschool Promise

Families Eligibility:

- Resident of Montgomery County
- Will be 4 before August 1, 2025
- Attends a participating Preschool Promise site
- All 4 year olds will apply to participate in the monthly book program
- Will be 3 years old before August 1, 2025 AND reside in the City of Dayton school district

Why Should Families Participate:

- Free book program Sept-May
- T-shirt for child and parent
- Free text messages to help support K readiness
- Quarterly activity box
- A birthday card
- Tuition assistance, if needed/eligible
 - Resident of Montgomery County
 - Determined by quality rating, family income, and number in household.
 - Turns 4 before August 1, 2025
 - Turns 3 before August 1, 2025 AND lives in the City of Dayton school district
- Your child's school will receive benefits that support curriculum, staff, and programming.

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November 21, 2024

Thank you for your interest in Preschool Promise. We have received your child's application and would like to explain the benefits available at this time.

Due to limited funding, tuition assistance awards are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Unfortunately, all tuition assistance funds have been exhausted for the 2024-2025 program year and no new applications will be awarded tuition assistance at this time.

We would like to complete the processing of your application and ensure your child receives all other benefits of enrolling in Preschool Promise, including:

- **Book of the Month**
- **Quarterly Playkits**
- **Birthday Card** (including a one time free family admission to Boonshoft)
- **T-shirts** for your child and a guardian

To complete the registration and enroll your child for the benefits above we will need:

- to verify your child's date of birth
- your family's Montgomery County residency

If you would like to complete the application for tuition assistance in the event that additional funding should become available, we will be approving completed applications based on the original submission date. Alongside birth and residency verification, we will also need proof of your household income.

We can also work with you to identify one of our partner schools that may be able to offer other sources of financial assistance based on household income and other eligibility criteria. If you would like help finding a preschool for your child, please let us know.

We are here to help! If you have questions about this information or your child's application, please reach out to us by calling or texting 937-329-2700.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Riley
Preschool Promise Enrollment Manager

2251 Timber Lane | Dayton, Ohio 45414

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Child Eligibility Guidelines for 2024-2025 School Year

Birthdate	Residence	Eligibility
10/1/18 to 9/30/19 5-year-old	Montgomery County resident, including DPS	Eligible to apply
10/1/19 to 9/30/20 4-year-old	Montgomery County resident, including DPS	Eligible to apply
10/1/20 to 9/30/21 3-year-old	Reside in DPS/City of Dayton boundaries	Eligible to apply
10/1/20 to 9/30/21 3-year-old	DOES NOT reside in DPS/City of Dayton	NOT eligible to apply
10/1/21 to Present	N/A	NOT eligible to apply

*To verify DPS/City of Dayton residency, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#).
Address will be verified prior to application approval.



Is your child eligible?

**Call or text (937) 329-2700 or visit
PreschoolPromise.org to join TODAY!**



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Thank you for your interest in Preschool Promise! When you are ready to complete your child's application, we will need the following documentation to determine eligibility for tuition assistance.

-If you are receiving PFCC/Title 20 benefits, please submit proof of benefits and one item from section 2.

-If you opted-out of tuition assistance, we will still need documents from sections 1 & 2.

You only need to submit one choice of documentation per section listed below:

1. Proof of your child's birth date

- Birth certificate
- Passport
- Visa
- Shot records signed by a physician (must list DOB)

2. Proof of your Montgomery County residency

- Full lease agreement or current mortgage statement
- Public assistance benefits statement
- Paycheck/pay stub
- Current state issued ID/Driver's License
- Current utility bill (gas, electric, garbage, water, cable/internet, or phone)

3. Proof of household income (which ever one reflects your current financial situation) ONLY NEEDED IF APPLYING FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

- 2023 Federal 1040 tax return
- 3 current and consecutive pay stubs for each working guardian in the home

Email this information to: applications@preschoolpromise.org

Mail it to:

Preschool Promise – Family Services Specialist
2251 Timber Lane
Dayton, Ohio 45414

Text a picture of the documents to: (937) 329-2700

* Please note that funding is limited and are first come first serve.

Thank you!

Preschool Promise Family Services Team

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2024-25 Tuition Assistance Table Centers¹, Schools² and Type A³

One of the benefits of joining Preschool Promise is the tuition assistance available to reduce the cost of sending your 3-year-old (City of Dayton or DPS resident) or 4-year-old to a Star Rated program. Costs vary for each Preschool site - **some are even free**, if you meet eligibility requirements. Tuition Assistance also covers co-pays for families on Publicly Funded Child Care (Title XX).

How to read the tuition assistance table

To estimate your tuition assistance, first identify the row that reflects your family's size and income level. Then look at the appropriate Family Income Tier chart on the right to see the estimated monthly tuition assistance you may be eligible to receive.

INCOME LIMITS

Household Size	More Than	Equal to or Less Than	Income Tier
2			A
	\$29,025.00	\$40,879.00	B
	\$40,880.00	\$61,319.00	C
	\$61,320.00		D

Household Size	More Than	Equal to or Less Than	Income Tier
3			A
	\$36,664.00	\$51,639.00	B
	\$51,640.00	\$77,459.00	C
	\$77,460.00		D

Household Size	More Than	Equal to or Less Than	Income Tier
4			A
	\$44,304.00	\$62,399.00	B
	\$62,400.00	\$93,599.00	C
	\$93,600.00		D

Household Size	More Than	Equal to or Less Than	Income Tier
5			A
	\$51,944.00	\$73,159.00	B
	\$73,160.00	\$109,739.00	C
	\$109,740.00		D

Household Size	More Than	Equal to or Less Than	Income Tier
6			A
	\$59,583.00	\$83,919.00	B
	\$83,920.00	\$125,879.00	C
	\$125,880.00		D

MONTHLY AMOUNT

Eligibility Tier	Star Rating Level	Full-Time Tuition Assistance	Part-Time Tuition Assistance
A (Co-Pay only required; e.g. Publicly Funded Child Care)	1 to 3	Co-Pay	Co-Pay
	4	Co-Pay	Co-Pay
	5	Co-Pay	Co-Pay

Eligibility Tier	Star Rating Level	Full-Time Tuition Assistance	Part-Time Tuition Assistance
B	1 to 3	\$468	\$187
	4	\$553	\$239
	5	\$638	\$255

Eligibility Tier	Star Rating Level	Full-Time Tuition Assistance	Part-Time Tuition Assistance
C	1 to 3	\$263	\$112
	4	\$333	\$147
	5	\$403	\$175

Eligibility Tier	Star Rating Level	Full-Time Tuition Assistance	Part-Time Tuition Assistance
D	1 to 3	\$105	\$46
	4	\$123	\$53
	5	\$140	\$63

Tier	Star Rating Level	Full-Time Tuition Assistance
F (Ext to Full Day)	1 to 3	\$300
	4	\$325
	5	\$350

Please see page 2 for special notes.

¹Center is defined as a program that serves seven or more children of any age. These programs are licensed by Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS).

²School based providers are those programs licensed by the Ohio Department of Education.

³Type A is defined as a program serving seven to twelve children cared for in the provider's personal residence. These programs are licensed by ODJFS.

2024-25 Tuition Assistance Table Notes

Special Notes

- 1. For families attending a program that only charges a co-pay**, such as Publicly Funded Child Care (Title XX) the co-pay amount for the Preschool child will be covered through Preschool Promise.
- 2. Families are eligible to receive up to 12 months of Tuition Assistance from Preschool Promise, between August 1-July 31.** Tuition Assistance Rates will be pro-rated for partial months.
- 3. Children who attend a program for free (such as Head Start, ECE slots, Preschool Special Ed programs, or certain public school preschool programs)** will not receive Preschool Promise tuition assistance unless they have a need to extend to full day, in which case Tier F will be offered.
- 4. Tier F, Extension to Full Day, is for families who receive any state or federal subsidized funding to attend a partial day and need to send a child for a full day.**
- 5. Exceptional circumstances** may be considered on a case by case basis.

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES REQUIREMENTS CHART

Requirements	PFCC	CCC	ECE
Income	At or below 145% FPL* (150% for families with a child that has special needs.**) (Homeless and Protective)	Between 146-200% FPL*	At or below 200% FPL* (Categorically and presumptive eligibility.***)
Qualifying Activity	Required for all caretakers	Required for all caretakers	Not required for any caretaker
Ages Served	Children birth-13 years old (0-18 for special needs)	Children birth-13 years old (0-18 for special needs)	Children 3-5 years old & not Kindergarten eligible
US Citizen (child only)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Service Providers	Providers with a signed Provider Agreement (based on availability)	Providers with a signed Provider Agreement (based on availability)	Highly-Rated program awarded the ECE grant and have a signed Provider Agreement
Allowable Service Hours	Up to 60+ weekly	Up to 60+ weekly	2 ½ - 5 hours only
Approval/ Authorization	12-months or the end of the eligibility	12-months or the end of the eligibility	Through the end of June regardless of eligibility
Co-Payment (Family's responsibility)	Determined by income & family size (Families may have a copayment they will pay to their program.)	No co-payment with eligibility (Additional costs may be required by the provider.)	No co-payment with eligibility (Additional costs may be required by the provider.)
Must Reapply	Yes. Every 12-months	Yes. Every 12-months	No. Eligible until the child enters kindergarten or family no longer needs

*FPL = Federal Poverty Levels can be found <https://benefits.ohio.gov/home/resources/assistance-programs> under the Early Care and Education Services tab, *Family Size – Income Guideline Chart*.

** **Special needs**, a child with chronic health conditions or does not meet age-appropriate expectations of development.

***Children may be categorically eligible for ECE services if the child has an individualized education plan (IEP), the child is in kinship or foster care with an active case plan, or the family is homeless. Children receiving SNAP, Cash Assistance, or Medicaid may meet presumptive eligibility. The family's income will not be used to determine eligibility when the child meets one of the above. Citizenship must be verified for the child(ren) needing services.

Qualifying Activity Working or in school (Qualifying Activities for the PFCC Program)
Highly Rated Step Up To Quality Silver or Gold

ECE Grant

The purpose of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grant is to maximize a child's early educational experiences. These experiences help to prepare children for success in kindergarten by providing high-quality early learning services to Ohio's preschool age children. The state funded ECE Grant is awarded to early care and education programs who are required to provide developmentally appropriate learning environments that address the outcomes and goals essential for healthy development and academic growth.

Child eligibility criteria for FY 24 includes the following:

- Children must be at least three years of age;
- A child must not be age-eligible to attend kindergarten in their district of residence, even if the IEP calls for another year of preschool programming;
- Family income must fall at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Child must be a US citizen

Current ECE awards are \$4250.00 per school year.

Child Care Choice Program Voucher

A new program is being launched to support families with paying for child care, who are over income for the state's Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC) and whose gross monthly income is at or below 146% - 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. This voucher program is part of a larger initiative focused on increasing access to quality child care and financial support services for families towards child care costs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is my family eligible for this Program?

To be considered for the Child Care Choice Program, the family must meet the following requirements:

- After you have applied for Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC), submit a completed application for the Child Care Choice Program within 30 days.
- Review the table below for more information on PFCC requirements.
- If the family is denied for PFCC for being over income and have a household income at 146% - 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), the County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) will automatically explore eligibility for the Child Care Choice Program. (See chart below for more information about FPL.)

Family Size	Monthly Income must be above (145% FPL)	Monthly Income must be below (200% FPL)
2	\$2,383.00	\$3,287.00
3	\$3,004.00	\$4,144.00
4	\$3,625.00	\$5,000.00
5	\$4,247.00	\$5,857.00
6	\$4,868.00	\$6,714.00
7	\$5,489.00	\$7,571.00
8	\$6,110.00	\$8,427.00

How do I apply for the Child Care Choice Program?

The Department of Children and Youth (DCY) helps parent(s) who are working or in school pay for child care through the Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC) program.

You may be required to pay for part of your child care in the form of a copayment. The amount you pay is based on your gross income and family size. Check out the [Child Care Weekly Copayment Desk Aid](#) to view the monthly copayment.

You may apply online, for PFCC, by using the button below or by printing a paper copy and mailing, faxing, or emailing your application to your local county agency by looking at this [County Directory](#).

Apply for child care [online](#) or [paper application](#)

Will parents/guardians have a cost associated with the voucher?

Families may be required to pay a portion of the child care cost and any other related child care fees, if applicable, directly to the child care program.

The amount of the family's portion is determined by the program, based on their current tuition costs and fees. If the voucher does not cover the full cost of care, the program is encouraged to charge the family no more than 9% of

the family's monthly gross income for their portion of the remaining tuition. In addition, the total cost of tuition (state paid voucher plus family's cost) may not exceed the provider's private rate.

For example, a family of three with a gross monthly income of \$3,005.00 per month, should pay no more than a total payment of \$270.45 per month.

What child care programs take the Child Care Choice Program?

- Families will select a licensed child care center, schools/preschools program or licensed family child care home to enroll their child(ren). Vouchers will not be paid to in-home aide providers or child day camps.
- Participating Child Care Choice Program (CCCP) locations must have an active PFCC provider agreement.
- Programs serving children in "Open" status, as verified in the Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS), are eligible to participate in CCCP. A temporarily closed program will not be eligible.

How much does the Child Care Choice Program pay for child care?

For payment information, review the following Manual Procedures Letters, which outline how much support will be available based on the age of the children in child care:

- [Child Care Center Manual Procedures Letter No. 46](#)
- [Family Child Care Manual Procedures Letter No. 39](#)

Preschool Tuition assistance links:

Preschool Promise Tuition Assistance Cap Letter:

https://www.preschoolpromise.org/_files/ugd/70b09e_cbead7f125e34d0e9740411435b92336.pdf

Preschool Promise Rate Tables:

https://www.preschoolpromise.org/_files/ugd/70b09e_6d03927e1e654559a770d490e7ca5659.pdf

Montgomery County Child Care Assistance Information:

<https://www.mcoho.org/589/Child-Care-Assistance>

State of Ohio Early Childhood Education Grant (ECE):

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Early-Childhood-Education-Grant>

Publicly Funded Child Care (PFCC):

<https://jfs.ohio.gov/child-care/publicly-funded-child-care/how-to-apply>

Child Care Choice Program Voucher:

<https://childrenandyouth.ohio.gov/for-families/early-care-education/child-care-choice-program>

