

Is there transportation available for my child to attend preschool?

- If your child is attending a Chicago Public School preschool program, transportation services may be available.
- If your child is attending a community-based preschool program, you should check with the individual program to determine what supports are available for students in temporary living situations.



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DID YOU KNOW

If you or your child is living in a shelter or another temporary living situation:

- Your child can receive priority placement in Chicago Public Schools' preschool programs and preschool programs funded by the City of Chicago.
- Your child can be enrolled in preschool without proof of address, income, guardianship, or other documents normally needed for enrollment.

What are examples of temporary living situations?

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of adequate accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters, on the street, in a car, or similar substandard arrangements

How old must my child be to enroll in preschool?

Your child must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2018.

Can I apply to more than one preschool program?

You can apply up to two different preschool programs.

How do I apply?

You can apply:

- Online at www.chicagoearlylearning.org
- By phone at 312-229-1690 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
- Or by visiting a designated Family Resource Center

Be sure to apply early and mention your temporary living status when applying.

When can I apply?

You can apply beginning in spring and the application process is open year-round.

When will I know if my child received a spot?

After you submit the application you will know instantly whether your child has received an offer at one of the two preschool programs you selected or if your child has been placed on a waitlist.

What do I do after my child receives a spot?

- If your child has a seat in a CPS-based preschool program, you can verify your child's placement at a Family Resource Center or by calling the Early Learning Hotline at (312) 229-1690.
- If your child has a seat in a community-based program, you can verify your child's placement at the preschool program.

