



**Eligibility for Head Start and Early Hear Start Programs are based on the following:**

- **Residency:** Families must live in one of the following towns and cities to enroll in an EBCAP early childhood program: Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Jamestown, Prudence Island, Little Compton, Tiverton, Bristol, Warren, Barrington or East Providence.
- **Age:** Pregnant mother, children ages birth to five
- **Eligibility:** Children/families who meet the following criteria are prioritized for enrollment in these free programs.
  - Family is receiving public assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Family income is at or below 100% of the federal poverty level
  - Family is homeless
  - Child is a foster child
  - Program may also provide services to families with higher incomes once all the above families are identified and served. Children with special needs and families who have experienced recent or past trauma are prioritized for these spots
- **How Selected:** Once a family or child is deemed eligible for the programs, points are assigned to the application with highest scoring participants offered a spot in the program. Non-selected participants are placed on a wait list.