



Eligibility for Head Start and Early Head 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), or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- 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

Selection procedure: Upon receiving an application, an EBCAP enrollment staff will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) and complete an “Eligibility Interview”. During this process, required documents will be collected, points are assigned to the application and child/expectant parent will be placed on waitlist(s). The application with higher points will have the higher priority to be offered a seat.