



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:** Expectant parents, 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 experiencing homelessness

Child is in foster care

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, a member of our enrollment team will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) and complete an "Eligibility Interview". During this process, staff will obtain required documents and ask a list of questions to learn about child and family's needs. Once "Eligibility Interview" is completed, 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.