



## Tuition Funding Sources

The following sources of funding for child care and preschool/pre-kindergarten classes are available to Blair County and surrounding county families. For more specific information about any of these sources, please contact our office at (814) 941-0606 and ask to speak with the Director.

### Child Care Works

Families may be eligible to receive Child Care Works subsidized payment through the Early Learning Resource Centers if they are income eligible. This funding can be used for full days, part days, evening care, wrap-around care and for school-age children for before and/or after the elementary school day and for our summer camp. Requirements are as follows:

- You must live in Pennsylvania
- Have a child or children who need child care while you work or attend an education program
- Meet income guidelines for your family size
- Work 20 or more hours a week - or-
- Work 10 hours and go to school or training for 10 hours a week
- Have a promise of a job that will start within 30 days of your application for subsidized child care
- Teen parents must attend an education program
- The child who needs care must be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency
- Have proof of identification for each parent or caretaker in the home.

If you feel that your family may qualify, you should call immediately to apply for funding, as there is usually a waiting list. The income guidelines are as follows:

Family Size	Maximum Yearly (200% of FPL) Family Income (April 2018)
2	\$32,920
3	\$41,560
4	\$50,200
5	\$58,840
6	\$67,480
7	\$76,120
8	\$84,760

***Please contact the Early Learning Resource Center located in the county where you live:***

Bedford County: (814) 623-2002

Blair County: (814) 515-1223

Cambria County: (814) 472-6341

Huntingdon County: (814) 643-5199

Clearfield County: (814) 765-1546

## National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) works with the Department of Defense (DOD) to help those who serve in the military find and afford child care that suits their unique needs. Through several innovative civilian/military efforts among DOD, NACCRRA and Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, they are building the quality and capacity of child care throughout the country. For more information, please visit [www.naccrra.org](http://www.naccrra.org) or call 1-800-424-2246.

### Pre-Kindergarten EITC Scholarship Opportunity Program

Another financial assistance option we are pleased to inform you of is the Pre-Kindergarten Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Scholarship Program for pre-kindergarten students (those children that have one year of schooling before they enter kindergarten). The scholarships are funded through a state grant that is currently being administered locally through the Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation. Each year, applications are distributed by our office to all preschool aged children who are transitioning into our pre-kindergarten classes. Families must include a copy of their 1040 tax return for the most recent fiscal year with their application. Be sure to watch for this information that will be sent home with your child!

### Pennsylvania State University Student Parents

The subsidies are generated from a grant the University received from the U.S. Department of Education. Child care subsidies will be distributed to student parents at all Penn State locations. As required by the Department of Education, priority will be given to student parents who receive federal Pell Grants. Students who do not receive Pell Grants can still apply for additional subsidy distributions. Students should inquire about this funding from the Work/Life Office at 814-863-4622 or email [subsidy@psu.edu](mailto:subsidy@psu.edu)

### Pre-K Counts

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts is available at no cost to families, but space is limited. Priority in enrollment is given to families that earn 300% of the federal poverty level or less, speak English as a second language, or have special needs. To apply, call Chelsea Hallinan, Director of Programs, at (814) 515-1044 at *Begin With Us Child Care and Preschool, Inc.* in February of the current year to apply for the following school year.

<b><i>The 2019 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia</i></b>			
<b><i>Persons in family</i></b>	<b><i>100% of Poverty</i></b>	<b><i>200% of Poverty</i></b>	<b><i>300% of Poverty</i></b>
2	\$16,910	\$33,820	\$50,730
3	\$21,330	\$42,660	\$63,990
4	\$25,750	\$51,500	\$77,250
5	\$30,170	\$60,340	\$90,510
6	\$34,590	\$69,180	\$103,770
7	\$39,010	\$78,020	\$117,030
8	\$43,430	\$86,860	\$130,290
<b><i>For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,420 for each additional person.</i></b>			

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