

CHILDCARE RESOURCESWashington, D.C.

- **DC Child Care Subsidy Program (OSSE):**
 - **Best For:** Low-to-moderate income working families.
 - **What They Offer:** The main government voucher program. It pays the provider directly (or a large portion of the cost) for eligible families.
 - **Who Qualifies:** Families working, in job training (like this program), or in school.
 - **How to Apply:** Apply online or in-person at a DHS Service Center.
 - **Phone:** (202) 727-0284
 - **Website:** childcare.dc.gov
 - **Portal:** [DC Department of Human Services](#)
- **DC Public Schools (Universal Pre-K 3 & 4):**
 - **Best For:** Families with children ages 3 or 4.
 - **What They Offer:** Free full-day schooling for 3- and 4-year-olds, regardless of income. This is a massive cost-saver for families.
 - **How to Apply:** Through the "My School DC" lottery system.
 - **Phone:** (202) 888-6336
 - **Website:** myschooldc.org
- **DC Head Start (United Planning Organization):**
 - **Best For:** Low-income families with children ages 0–5.
 - **What They Offer:** Federally funded, completely free comprehensive child development services (early learning, health, family support).
 - **Phone:** (202) 238-4600
 - **Website:** upo.org/early-learning
- **DC Child Care Connections (Resource & Referral):**
 - **Best For:** Finding where to go.
 - **What They Offer:** They don't pay for care, but they provide free referrals to licensed child care centers and home-based providers who accept subsidies.
 - **Phone:** (202) 829-2500
 - **Website:** osse.dc.gov/service/child-care-connections
- **Mary's Center:**
 - **Best For:** Comprehensive family support and immigrant families.
 - **What They Offer:** While primarily health and education, their social services team helps families navigate the voucher application process and find affordable care.
 - **Phone:** (202) 483-8196
 - **Website:** maryscenter.org

Prince George's County, MD

- **Maryland Child Care Scholarship (CCS) Program:**
 - **Best For:** Low-income working families.
 - **What They Offer:** The state subsidy (formerly "POC"). Pays a portion of child care costs directly to the provider.
 - **Who Qualifies:** Parents who are working or in an approved training program (like an apprenticeship).
 - **Phone:** 1-877-227-0125
 - **Website:** earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org
 - **Portal:** [Maryland OneStop](#)
- **Prince George's County Public Schools (Head Start & Pre-K):**
 - **Best For:** Low-income families with children ages 3–4.
 - **What They Offer:** Free or low-cost Pre-K and Head Start programs located within elementary schools. Eligibility is primarily income-based.
 - **Phone:** (301) 408-5593
 - **Website:** pgcps.org/earlychildhood
- **Department of Social Services (DSS):**
 - **Best For:** Immediate assistance and application help.
 - **What They Offer:** Local administration of state benefits. Case managers can assist with the CCS application and other family support services.
 - **Address:** 805 Brightseat Road, Landover, MD 20785
 - **Phone:** (301) 909-7000
 - **Website:** princegeorgescountymd.gov/1626/Social-Services
- **Maryland Family Network (LOCATE: Child Care):**
 - **Best For:** Finding providers who accept the scholarship.
 - **What They Offer:** A free telephone service that filters providers by location, cost, and "Scholarship Accepted."
 - **Phone:** 1-877-261-0060
 - **Website:** marylandfamilynetwork.org
- **Prince George's Child Resource Center:**
 - **Best For:** Family advocacy and support.
 - **What They Offer:** Helps families navigate the system, find resources for affordability, and locate "Judy Centers" (comprehensive early childhood hubs).
 - **Address:** 9475 Lottsford Road, Suite 202, Largo, MD 20774
 - **Phone:** (301) 772-8420
 - **Website:** childresource.org