

# enrolling your child in preschool

## DID YOU KNOW

### If you or your child is living in a shelter or another temporary living situation:

- Your child can receive priority placement in Chicago Public Schools' preschool programs and preschool programs funded by the city of Chicago.
- Your child can be enrolled in preschool without proof of address, income, guardianship, or other documents normally needed for enrollment.

### What are examples of temporary living situations?

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of adequate accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters, on the street, in a car, or similar substandard arrangements

### How old must my child be to enroll in preschool?

Your child must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2021

### How do I apply?

- You can apply online at [www.chicagoeearlylearning.org](http://www.chicagoeearlylearning.org)
- You can apply by phone at (312) 229-1690 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### When can I apply?

- You can apply beginning in April 21, 2021 and the application process is open year-round
- Be sure to apply early and mention your temporary living status when applying

### When will I know if my child received a spot?

After you submit the application you will know instantly whether your child has received an offer at one of the two preschool programs you selected or if your child has been placed on a waitlist

### What do I do after my child receives a spot?

- Typically you must verify your child's spot at your assigned preschool program within two weeks, however due to COVID-19 you will be notified via email about next steps to verify your child's placement
- If you are in a temporary living situation, you can verify by calling the **Early Learning Hotline** at (312) 229-1690 and then completing the enrollment at the preschool location where your child has been placed

### Is There Transportation Available for My Child To Attend Preschool?

- If your child is attending a Chicago Public School preschool program, your child has a right to transportation services
- If your child is attending a community-based preschool program, you should check with the individual program to determine what supports are available for students in temporary living situations