

# Resources for Families Experiencing Homelessness

BrightSpark Early Learning  
Services

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Our mission is to nurture and sustain child-centered anti-racist communities.

BrightSpark provides services for families and child care providers across King and Pierce Counties:

- Child Care Subsidies and Financial Assistance
- Help finding licensed child care providers
- Partnerships with Seattle Preschool Program and Early Head Start
- Support for Family, Friends, and Neighbors providing child care
- Early childhood mental health services in partnership with child care providers
- Professional development and coaching for child care providers



# Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP)

BrightSparks's CCSP program is a low-barrier child care subsidy program for families experiencing housing instability.

- Designed to be a "bridge" families to long-term supports
- Covers full cost of childcare
- Supports families with accessing diapers, wipes, clothes, transit passes, grocery/gas gift cards, and referrals to other basic needs/services

## Eligibility:

- Actively experiencing homelessness as defined by MKV or less than 6 months permanently housed or facing eviction\*
- Must reside in Seattle, Renton, Bellevue, Kent, and Redmond



# Getting Connected to Services - CCSP



Intake/Referrals: 206-329-5544



Statewide Call Center: 1-800-446-1114



Subsidy Interest Form: <https://wkf.ms/46yJJZs>



Other Resources for Childcare: <https://www.brightspark.org/paying-for-child-care/>

# Homeless Grace Period Application Support

Homeless Grace Period is a 12 month child care subsidy for families experiencing homelessness as defined by McKinney-Vento. It is offered through the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

- My goal is to help the family secure consistent care for the child(ren) during their 12 months subsidy period
- Family Center navigators can apply for state subsidy on behalf of the family and locate childcare providers
- Navigators check in with the family at 30 and 60 day intervals and at 6 months



# Getting Connected



<https://www.washingtonconnection.org>



Statewide Call Center: 1-800-446-1114



Contact Hawa directly: 206-329-1011 Ex 332



Intake and Application Assistance/ Next steps

# Serving Families Experiencing Homelessness

● Low-barrier enrollment processes

▲ Including families in decisions and conversations

✦ Consistent 12 months subsidy, Follow ups , Education for Early Learning





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