

# Resources for Families Experiencing Homelessness

BrightSpark Early Learning Services

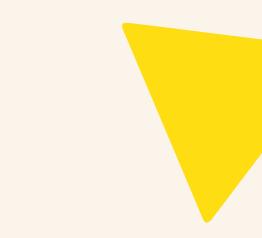


Our mission is to nurture and sustain child-centered anti-racist communities.

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

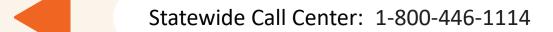
#### Eligibility:

- 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**





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





#### 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**





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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