



Ohio

Early Childhood Education Grants

You may qualify for an affordable program that will prepare your four-year-old for kindergarten success.

An Early Childhood Education grant could help your child attend a high-quality preschool, Head Start program, child care center, or family child care home to get ready for kindergarten.

The grant pays for some children who are from low-income families and live in low-income areas to attend. The money goes directly to the school or child care center—called a “program.” **To qualify, your child must be four years old by the beginning of the school year.**

The program’s job is to get your child excited about learning and give her the skills she will need to be ready for kindergarten.

Eight Benefits of a High-Quality Preschool for Your Child

1. Your child will be ready for kindergarten.

Some children have never had a teacher or been in a large group of children. Your child will learn to share, take turns and follow directions. That’s important when he reaches kindergarten!

2. Your child will develop important social and emotional skills.

Teachers help children learn how to spend time away from their families. Your child will learn how to solve problems. He will learn how to handle emotions like sadness and anger.

3. Your child will take part in activities planned just for her.

Teachers plan many activities. Your child will be able to choose those she is most drawn to. These activities will help her grow and progress in many ways.

4. Your child will be curious and want to learn.

Teachers will watch your child and ask him questions about what he is doing or what he thinks will happen next. These friendly questions will help him be curious about the world around him.

5. Your child will learn how to take care of herself and help others.

Your child will learn how to clean up after herself and help in the classroom. She will learn to ask for help when she needs it and take care of her belongings. She will learn how to help a friend who is just learning something she already knows.

6. Your child will learn pre-math and reading skills.

Every day, your child will take part in activities that boost his reading and math learning skills. He will play with games and puzzles and look at picture books. These things help him have fun and develop a love of learning.

7. Your child will develop motor skills.

Young children are always moving. Your child will have a chance to run, climb and play active games to improve her physical abilities. Her fine motor skills will improve by using scissors, painting and putting pegs on a board.

8. Your child will increase his language and thinking skills.

A child’s vocabulary—the words he can use—grows fast between ages 3 and 5. Teachers will show your child new words each day. They will help him talk and solve problems. They will involve your child in hands-on activities that build his thinking and reasoning skills.

To find out more

Talk with the program you would like for your child to attend, or visit education.ohio.gov/earlylearning.

