

CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

Please be advised that your case is being recertified and your family may be found eligible for continued child care services. If your family is determined eligible for child care services, your child care options are as follows:

❖ *EarlyLearnNYC*

EarlyLearnNYC is a quality early education program that prepares NYC's children for success in Kindergarten and beyond. At this time, there are immediate enrollment vacancies available in all five boroughs at an EarlyLearnNYC child care center (for children up to 5 years of age) or family child care home (for children up to 4 years of age). Families determined eligible can contact programs directly to discuss available services and admission. For enrollment with a program of choice, please be sure to have your case number on hand. Additional information about the benefits of EarlyLearnNYC and a listing of the programs can be found on the ACS website at www.nyc.gov/acs, and by clicking on the "Early Care and Education" link. Information may also be obtained by calling 311 or visiting any EarlyLearnNYC program.

❖ *Vouchers (Non-EarlyLearn NYC Programs/Providers)*

Vouchers can be used at a licensed or registered non-EarlyLearnNYC child care center or family child care home or with a home based legally-exempt informal or group provider. Child care assistance in the category in which you have been found to be eligible is dependent upon available funding and at this time, eligible families requesting vouchers will be placed on a Voucher Wait List due to lack of available funds. ACS will notify families on the Voucher Wait List upon the availability of funding. For other child care options, please read the above EarlyLearnNYC section and visit the ACS website for a listing of EarlyLearnNYC programs.

OTHER SERVICES

❖ *Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS)- no eligibility requirement*

If your child(ren) are school age (ages 5 years and older) and you are looking for an afterschool program, please contact the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Youth Connect 1-(800) 246 - 4646, and request information about a COMPASS program, or refer to their website at www.nyc.gov/dycd for additional information.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. How do I know if my current child care program/provider is an approved EarlyLearnNYC Program/provider?
- A. Families can contact the program/provider to confirm whether your program/provider is affiliated with ACS EarlyLearnNYC. Families can also refer to the ACS website for a directory of EarlyLearn NYC child care centers and Family Child Care Networks. You can also review the benefits of EarlyLearn NYC on the ACS website at www.nyc.gov/acs.
- Q. I have a Transitional Child Care (TCC) benefit that is ending and the program or provider I am using is a voucher program or provider. What should I do next?
- A. Voucher availability is dependent upon funding. At this time, due to a lack of available funds, eligible families requesting vouchers will be placed on a Voucher Wait List. ACS will notify families on the Voucher Wait List if additional funds are made available. For other child care options, please read the above EarlyLearnNYC section and visit the ACS website for a listing of EarlyLearnNYC programs.
- Q. My TCC benefit is ending and I am interested in an ACS EarlyLearnNYC child care program. What should I do next?
- A. Eligible families interested in an EarlyLearnNYC child care center (for children up to 5 years of age) or family child care home (for children up to 4 years of age) should contact the program directly to discuss the child's needs, the services provided and enrollment. Families should reference their case number when contacting the program of choice. A directory of EarlyLearnNYC programs can be found on the ACS web site at www.nyc.gov/acs and by clicking on the "Early Care and Education" link.