



Little Sprouts Early Learning Center LLC
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Community Resources Available for Families

(See our front lobby for more brochures and information)

Abuse (Domestic And Sexual) Assistance

Safe Berks (formerly Berks Women In Crisis)
844-789-SAFE
Children's Alliance Center
610-898-0535

Childcare Financial Assistance

Early Learning Resource Center
484-651-8000
<https://elrc-csc.org>
United Way Berks County
610-685-4550
COMPASS (See page 3 for more info)
<https://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/home/#/>

Disabilities Assistance

OVR
610-916-2316

Drug And Alcohol Assistance

Alcoholics Anonymous
610-373-6500
Caron Foundation
610-678-2332
Council on Chemical Abuse
610-376-8669

Early Intervention for Infants/Toddlers (ages birth-2yrs)

Service Access & Manag. Inc. (SAM)
610-236-0530
1-877-236-4600
Rooted in Wellness
484-939-9717
Good Shepherd
610-562-3523
Easter Seals
610-289-0114
WeeTalk Speech & Language Services
610-750-6514

Early Intervention for Preschoolers (Ages 3+)

BCIU Early Intervention /Head Start
610-987-2248

Early Intervention for Preschoolers Cont.

Good Shepherd
610-562-3523
Rooted in Wellness
484-939-9717
Easter Seals
610-289-0114

Employment Assistance

Career Link
610-988-1300

Financial Assistance

Consumer Credit Counseling Services
610-478-0237
County Assistance Office
610-736-4211
Salvation Army
610-373-5208
Social Security
610-320-5235
Compass
<https://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/home/#/>

Food Assistance

County Assistance Office
610-736-4211
Greater Berks Food Bank
610-926-5802
COMPASS
<https://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/home/#/>

Healthcare And Health Insurance Assistance

County Assistance Office
610-736-4211
CHIP
800-986-5437
healthcare.gov



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Housing Assistance

Berks County Housing Authority
610-370-0822

B-CAP (Berks Community Action Program)
610-376-6571

Neighborhood Housing Services
610-372-8433

COMPASS

<https://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/home/#/>

Legal Aid

Mid Penn Legal Services – 800-299-6599

Local Pediatrician's

Children's Clinic of Wyomissing
(610) 376-8691

Reading Pediatrics'
(610) 374-7400

Local School Districts

Penn-Bernville Elementary
(610) 488-6248

Bethel Elementary
(717) 933-4131

Tilden Elementary
(610) 562-8123

Other Community Resources

Berks County Children's Services
(610) 670-9924

COMPASS

<https://www.compass.dhs.pa.gov/home/#/>

Utilities

Public Utility Commission
800-692-7380

Vaccines for Children (Free Vaccines)

<https://www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram/>



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Need Help Paying for Child Care?

Visit the following website for more information on the Child Care Works (CCW) Subsidized funding program.

<https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/early-learning-child-care/child-care-works.html>

How does the program work?

The ELRC will pay a part of your child care cost. This is called a subsidy payment.

- You will pay a part of the cost. This is called the family co-pay.
- The subsidy payment and the family co-pay go directly to the child care program.

NOTE: If your child care subsidy does not pay the full amount that your child care program charges, the provider may ask you to pay the difference between the subsidy payment and their private charges.

Basic Guidelines

- You must live in Pennsylvania
- Have a child or children who need child care while you work or attend an education program
- Meet income guidelines for your family size
- Work 20 or more hours a week, OR work 10 hours and go to school or train for 10 hours a week
- Have a promise of a job that will start within 30 days of your application for subsidized child care
- Teen parents must attend an education program
- The child who needs care must be a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency
- Have proof of identification for each parent or caretaker in the home.

Income Guidelines

The annual income for a family to be eligible to receive a subsidy is 200 percent or less of the [Federal Poverty Income Guidelines](#):

(Note: The above information provides only general guidelines. Other conditions may apply. Please contact your county Early Learning Resource Center to apply for assistance.)

Additional Guidelines

- Each adult family member must work at least 20 hours a week or work at least 10 hours a week and participate in an approved training program at least 10 hours a week.
- The hours that a child may receive subsidized child care must coincide with hours of work, education, or training.
- Children are eligible for care from birth until the day prior to the date of the child's 13th birthday. Children with disabilities may be eligible through age 18.
- The parent is responsible to help pay for child care. This is called a co-payment. The co-payment may be as little as \$5.00 per week and varies according to your income and the number of people in your family.



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- The parent may choose the provider of his or her choice. The parent may choose a child care center, a small family day care home, a group day care home or even a relative to care for his or her child.
- The parent who is receiving a subsidy must choose an eligible child care provider. Relative providers must complete an Agreement with the ELRC, must comply with the participation requirements listed in the Agreement and must complete CareCheck in order to be eligible to participate in the Subsidized Child Care Program. CareCheck is the Department of Human Services' program that requires background clearances (see below).
- If funding is not available at the time that a low-income, working parent applies for subsidized child care, the child may be placed on a waiting list.

You can also apply for benefits and renew benefits by using [COMPASS](#), the online resource for cash assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), child care, health care coverage, home heating assistance (LIHEAP), school meals, SelectPlan for Women and long-term living services.

OR You can Contact our local Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) for More Information

<https://elrc-csc.org/region-13/child-care-works/>

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1138 Rockland St.
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