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Childcare and Family Resources (2019)

Early Childhood Education and Childcare

Two routes to access services:

1. Voucher – First apply at **Child Care Circuit (978-686-4288)**. Once you receive your voucher, you can use it at any early education provider that accepts vouchers. Call to register or place your name on the waiting list at your preferred school/day care.

Child Care Circuit Address: 190 Hampshire Street, Lawrence MA 01840

2. Contracted slot (dependent on income) – **Call 211 or sign-up online** to create a record with the Department of Early Childhood Education. Your slot will be tied to ONE early education provider (one school/day care). When a spot opens up in that school/day care, you will receive a letter.

<https://earlyedncareop.eec.state.ma.us/KinderWait/KWClientAccess/Welcome.aspx>

Organization	Head Start - Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
Programs and Description	-Education for children 15 months – 5 years with locations in Lawrence and Methuen -Half day during the school year and full day all year-long -Specialized services for children with unique challenges and learning processes -Free program without voucher for low income families: half-day program for children 2.9 years+ (runs from September-May)
Cost	Voucher or state funded financial for qualifying families
Contact Information	Greater Lawrence Community Action Council 305 Essex Street, 3 rd Floor Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 681-4920

Organization	Early Learning Center - YWCA
Programs and Description	-Preschool program for children ages 1 month to 5 years -Literacy based curriculum and swimming and water safety lessons -Steps: 1. Visit YWCA to put name on waiting list 2. Apply for voucher at Child Care Circuit (190 Hampshire Street, Lawrence MA 01840)
Cost	Voucher or state funded financial for qualifying families
Contact Information	Mandy Chaput (ELC Director) 38 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 687-0331 Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m

Organization	Community Day Care Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (EHS CCP) – The Community Group Inc.
Programs and Description	-For infants and toddlers from birth to age 3 in child care centers and age 4 in Family Child Care Home -Two full-day options: family child care based setting or center-based setting Instruction in English and Spanish



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Cost	Voucher or state funded financial for qualifying families
Contact Information	190 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, MA For information about enrollment: contact family service social worker at (978) 651-9814 or (978) 651-9815 To enroll, call business office: (978) 682-6628

Organization	LEAP Lawrence
Programs and Description	-Preschool for 4-year old students (at the time of enrollment) with sites at Greater Lawrence Community Action Council and The Community Group -To register: apply online; will receive a notice to make an in-person appointment http://www.lawrenceleap.org/index.php/apply-now
Cost	Free for eligible families (must be low income); must be resident of Lawrence Students must not have previously attended a preschool program or used a voucher Enrolled on a first come, first served basis
Contact Information	Central Office (Lawrence Public Schools District Office) 237 Essex Street, Lawrence MA 01840 (978) 975-5905 The Community Group (to apply in person) 404 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 651-2805 Greater Lawrence Community Action Council (to apply in person) 96 East Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA 01841 (978) 258-5980

Organization	Parent Child Home Program – Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
Programs and Description	-For children 16 months – 4 years that live in Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, or North Andover -30-minute home visits twice per week for up to two years to help your child prepare for preschool -Runs during the school year (September to June) -Focus on improving parent-child relationship, verbal interaction, and the development of language skills -Child receives a free book or toy every week
Cost	Free
Contact Information	Lori Jorge—can speak English and Spanish (978) 620-4726

Organization	Child Care Center (After School-) Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
Programs and Description	-Lessons and activities for children ages 15 months to 11 years old -School aged students attend daily after school and full-time during school vacation weeks and summer vacation -Includes two nutritious meals and one snack per day -Transportation is available for children living in Lawrence and for children from Lawrence Public Schools to the Center



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Cost	Voucher or state funded financial for qualifying families Self-pay also available
Contact Information	581 Andover Street Lawrence, MA 01843 daycare@glcac.org (978) 681-4910

Organization	The Teen Parent Infant/Toddler Program – The Community Group
Programs and Description	-Care for the children of teen parents who are attending school or high school/GED graduates who are working For children 2 months – 3 years, 9 months -Sites at: Infant/Toddler Center at Lawrence High School and Community Family Child Care Homes -Provides breakfast, lunch and snack -Transportation available between home and care site -Weekly parent and education support groups and support from a teen parent advocate
Cost	Voucher or state funded financial for qualifying families
Contact Information	Call Yaritza Lopez at (978) 273-5514

Organization	Davinci Child Center
Programs and Description	-Care for children 3 months – 5 years old and preschool-age children -Instruction in English and Spanish -Provide early childhood education and development programs that focus on health, safety and development of the whole child -Assists in potty training, sleep training -Provides appropriate referrals for social, mental, health, educational, and medical services for their child -Provides morning and afternoon snacks and free or reduced lunch for children who qualify
Cost	Vouchers accepted
Contact Information	55 Avon St, Lawrence, MA Phone: 978-725-2517

Organization	Little Sprouts
Programs and Description	-Care for children from 4 weeks – 6 years -Customized learning with activities modified to meet the needs of each individual child. -Lessons on music, sign language and school community events -Before- and after-school programs for children 6-13 years -Summer programs available for all children 4 weeks- 11 years old
Cost	Vouchers accepted
Contact Information	Phone: (877)-977-7688 Monday – Friday: 6AM – 6PM Lawrence: 354 Merrimack St, Building 1, Suite 270 Methuen: 13 Branch Street, Methuen



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Extracurricular Programs for School-Aged Kids

Organization	After-School and Out-of-School-Time Enrichment – YWCA
Programs and Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Enriching and fun environment for children ages 5-14 at three sites -Most programs operate after-school during the school year and all-day during school vacation weeks and the summer -Includes healthy snacks, one-way transportation to the site from school, homework help and academic enrichment, access to YWCA activities and facilities -Enrichment including Urban Explorers Club, Girls’ Center, swimming lessons, and Youth Technology Programs -During the school year program runs from 2:30 pm-6:00 pm and during school vacations/summer 7:30 am-6:00 pm
Cost	Sliding-scale based fee (pay what you can afford)
Contact Information	<p>Three locations: Main building – 38 Lawrence Street, Lawrence Enrichment Center – 530 Broadway Street, Lawrence YWCA Haverhill – 107 Winter Street, Haverhill</p> <p>Yesenia Ramos (978) 687-0331 Ext. 1047 yramos@ywcawlawrence.org</p>

Organization	Movement City – Lawrence Community Works
Programs and Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Network for youth ages 10-18 with a range of activities including the arts, technology, leadership development, and collective action -Homework help and participation in local projects -4-week summer program (\$60)
Cost	\$80/school year
Contact Information	<p>Director: Jessica Filion (jfilion@lawrencecommunityworks.org) (978) 722-2632 Administrative Assistant: Giraida Gutierrez (978) 722-2630</p> <p>Tuesday – Friday: Stations (Age 10-13): 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (homework help 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm) Zones (Age 14-18): 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm (homework help 4:30 – 6:00 pm)</p>

Organization	Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence
Programs and Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keystone Club: high school students act as junior staff and serve as role models; primary focus is service to the club, including supper club and special events -Torch Club: for 7th and 8th graders, focus is service to the club; involves 3 hours per week of volunteering -Tutoring program, mentoring program, and guidance for transitioning from middle school to high school and from high school to college -Science lab, computer lab, career development, and scholarship program -Sports programs, fitness center, game room and pool
Cost	\$40/year per child, covers all programs



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Contact Information	<p>136 Water Street, Lawrence MA 01841 (978) 683-2747 info@lawrencebgc.com</p> <p>Beacon Boys & Girls Club 71 Duckett Avenue, Lawrence, MA 01843 (978) 691-5167</p>
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Organization	Merrimack Valley YMCA
Programs and Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sports Programming: Itty Bitty Soccer, swimming lessons, Roberto Clemente Baseball, youth basketball, archery, soccer, flag football -Music Programming: Music Clubhouse -Arts Programming: Hip Hop Dance, Open Mic/Drop In/Live Podcast, voice lessons -Leaders Club and Teen Achievers -Adelante: high school prep program for 7th and 8th graders who want to go to private, Catholic, or boarding school -Summer camps -After school program (5-14 years) with transportation, homework help and sports
Cost	<p>Fees vary by program Potential for reimbursement if have BlueCross/BlueShield, Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts, or Neighborhood Health Financial Assistance Program available for discount on membership</p>
Contact Information	<p>Lawrence YMCA 40 Lawrence Street, Lawrence MA 01840 (978) 686-6191</p> <p>Methuen YMCA 129 Haverhill Street Methuen, MA 01844 Phone: 978-683-5266</p>

Organization	The Community Group – Community Day Learning
Programs and Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -For children from kindergarten through 12 years -Latchkey Enrichment Program: afterschool and vacation programming for the Lawrence Public Schools and in Methuen; Includes homework help, reading time, art activities, games, and fieldtrips Summers spent in camping setting in North Andover countryside -21st Century Community Learning Centers: out-of-school project based learning throughout the year, including STEM, bicycle safety, fitness, sailing, and poetry
Cost	Varies based on income of parents
Contact Information	<p>190 Hampshire Street, Lawrence MA 01840 (978) 682-6628</p>

Organization	Youth Development Organization (YDO)
Programs and Description	-Stem Design Lab: hands-on science and engineering lab with project-based courses, such as 3-D printing, Toy Engineering, and Video Game Design



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Science Academy for children in grades 3 and up -Arts Club for high school and college students -Leaders Hub -YDO @ Philips Academy: enrichment program for elementary students with programs including the arts, Chinese, comic book design, dance, and math at Philips Academy in Andover -YDO Summer programs for children in grades 3-8 that includes field trips, science classes and art classes
Cost	Free
Contact Information	15 Union Street #563, Lawrence MA 01840 (978) 688-4300

Organization	Green Team – Groundworks Lawrence
Programs and Description	-Year-round program offering part-time paid positions for high school students to learn about and lead environmental and community initiatives in Lawrence
Cost	N/A
Contact Information	50 Island Street, Suite 101 Entrance B Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 974-0770

Organization	Beyond Soccer
Programs and Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sports-based, youth development organization that uses soccer to engage youth -Academic mentoring -Summer enrichment – Soccer & Wellness Camp, Housing Project Clinics, Boston Soccer Academy -Lawrence Sports Leadership Academy: summer sports camp that includes athletic training, nutrition, education, and team building activities (\$20 per week) -Cooking courses, speed and agility programming, summer running club, alternative fitness and outings -Summer job program, leadership program, junior coaching initiative, referee program, school-year internships -Spring and Fall soccer recreational in-town and travel leagues (pre-K through high school students) -Sign up online or call for questions
Cost	Free - \$25 (depending on the program), scholarships always available
Contact Information	280 Merrimack Street, Suite. 309 Lawrence, MA 01843 (978) 681-5050 info@beyondsoccerlawrence.org

Organization	Imagine That University
Programs and Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Extended day supplemental educational program for children from kindergarten - 5th grade -Instruction in English and Spanish -Sports and Leadership program: team and individual sports for children 5-12 years old that aim to build self-confidence, leadership skills and nutrition and mental well-being education -Summer Academy: Quality enrichment program for children in kindergarten-5th grade to maintain academic skills as well as the development of the whole body



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Cost	Vouchers accepted
Contact Information	354 Merrimack St., Building 1, Entrance B, Lawrence, MA Phone: (978)-682-5338 inquiries@imajinethat.com Hours: 7:30 AM – 6PM

Special Services for School-Aged Kids

Organization	Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts
Programs and Description	-In Lawrence office: special education and discipline legal services -In Lynn office: education (for children not in school or not receiving educational services to which they are entitled) emancipation, immigration, rights of children who have “aged out” of foster care or other human service systems, collateral consequences of juvenile court involvement
Cost	Free for low-income families
Contact Information	For Special Education and Discipline Cases: Ernesto Berkowitz 783-244-1439 e.berkowitz@clcm.org 170 Common Street, Ste. 2 Lawrence, MA 01840 To request a lawyer/start a case: 781-581-1977 (1-800) KID-LW8 Main Office: 298 Union St. Lynn, MA, 01901 For other legal services: 1-888-543-5298 (statewide help line) Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm,

Organization	Children’s Friend & Family Services
Programs and Description	Trauma-focused CBT therapy for children: -Psycho-education, relaxation skills, affective modulation -Conjoint sessions conducted with both the parent and the child
Cost	Covered by health insurance
Contact Information	Children’s Friend & Family Services – Lawrence Office Division Director: Amy Ackroyd, LICSW 15 Union Street, Ste. 200, Entrance C, Lawrence (978) 682-7289

Organization	You Forward
Programs and Description	-Mental health services for young adults (16-25) from Lawrence and Haverhill -Individual and team-based support for young adults who are homeless, have dropped out of school, have been involved with DCF, or have other needs -Peer mentors with lived mental health experience and connections to community resources and other young adults -Drop-In Center with activities, food, access to showers, and resources; LGBTQ & Allies support group Thursdays at 3:00 pm



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Cost	Free (no health insurance required)
Contact Information	<p>Betsy Edes – Program Director (978) 738-4520 betsy.edes@state.ma.us</p> <p>Adriana Estevez – Drop-In Center Director (781) 771- 1302 aestevez@jri.org</p> <p>Drop-In Centers: 15 Union Street, Entrance B (in basement), Suite 80, Lawrence, MA Monday-Wednesday: 1:00-6:00 pm</p> <p>81 Winter St., Haverhill Thursdays: 2:00-5:00pm</p>

Organization	Family Services of the Merrimack Valley
Programs and Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ESTEEM: voluntary program for youth involved in juvenile justice system that provides active engagement in self-improvement through individual and group activities -Big Friends Little Friends: community-based mentoring program matching children with positive adult models that provide friendship and guidance -Stand & Deliver: one-on-one academic mentoring in partnership with local businesses to help students graduate high school and secure academic/career success -Success Mentors: collaboration with Mass Mentoring Partnership; provides school-based mentor for chronically absent students -PREP: program for 12-19 year-old youth that teaches abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease; Also covers financial literacy, career success, and healthy relationships
Cost	All programs are free except individual counseling (covered by insurance)
Contact Information	430 North Canal Street, Lawrence MA 01840 (978) 327-6600 info@fsmv.org

Summer Programs

Organization	Camp Y-Wood - YWCA
Programs and Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Summer day camp for children ages 5-13 located in Salem, NH -Program runs from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm for one week -Includes a waterfront beach and activities such as swimming, outdoor living, and arts -Available starting summer 2019
Cost	Affordable pricing with scholarships available
Contact Information	Register at www.ywcanema.org or at Lawrence and Haverhill locations YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts 38 Lawrence Street, Lawrence MA 01840 (978) 687-0331



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Organization	Youth Jobs & Leadership – ACT Lawrence
Programs and Description	-Paid summer jobs and leadership workshops for youth ages 14-22 -Workshops include financial capability, resume writing, public speaking, community organizing, and implementation of neighborhood improvement projects -15-20 hours/week for a 6 week period
Cost	No fee
Contact Information	15 Union Street, Entrance C, #409, Lawrence (978) 685-6274

Parent Support

Organization	Coordinated Family & Community Engagement - Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
Programs and Description	-Parent Cafes: a forum for parents to seek support and share experiences -Playgroups every Thursday at Imagine That in Methuen -Literacy Circles at the Lawrence Public Library weekly and Andover, Methuen, and North Andover Public Libraries monthly -Tadpole Room: free learning program for preschool children to prepare them to enter school (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at GLAC 9:30-11:30 am)
Cost	Free
Contact Information	Greater Lawrence Community Action Council 305 Essex Street, 3 rd Floor Lawrence, MA 01840 (978) 681-4996 Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Organization	Family and Community Resource Center
Programs and Description	-Parents Helping Parents support group -Parenting classes -Grandparents support group -Center for youth (6-18) who are struggling and need counseling -English as a second language classes -Playgroups for children and parents
Cost	Free
Contact Information	1 Union Street, Lawrence, MA 01841 (978) 975-8800 Monday-Thursday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm Fridays: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Organization	Family Services of Merrimack Valley
Programs and Description	-Parenting Journey: 12-week parent education curriculum helping parents to come to terms with their childhood experiences and make positive changes going forward -Siempre Papa (24/7 Dad): multi-week curriculum for Latino men that addresses their concerns and needs as fathers -Young Parent Program: works with pregnant and parenting teens to learn how to care for their



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	children while continuing to pursue education and life goals -Strengthening Couples: 8-week program designed to help couples form and sustain healthy relationships -Family & Community Resource Center: offers workshops, community events, case management, and parenting classes
Cost	Free
Contact Information	430 North Canal Street, Lawrence MA 01840 (978) 327-6600 Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-7:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm The Family Center One Union St., Lawrence, MA, 01840 (978) 975-8800

Organization	Child Care Circuit
Programs and Description	-Non-profit organization that provides child care referrals, training and parent & provider services locally and nationwide For children ages 0-13 -Voucher applications (apply online or in person) Instruction in English and Spanish
Cost	Free
Contact Information	190 Hampshire Street, Lawrence MA 01840 (978) 686-4288 Monday 8:00 am-7:00 pm Tuesday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Organization	Lawrence Working Families Initiative
Programs and Description	-Help searching for employment -Budget building resources (one-on-one financial coaching based on individual needs) -Housing recourses -Must be a parent of a student currently registered in Lawrence Public Schools
Cost	Free
Contact Information	Marianela de la Cruz – Director of Family Resource Center 237 Essex Street 4 th Floor, Lawrence MA (978) 975-5900 ext. 25705 Marianela.Delacruz@Lawrence.k12.ma.us

Organization	Lawrence Public Schools Family Resource Center
Programs and Description	-School enrollment for Pre-K through grade 8 -Access to community resources (health, education, ESOL, etc.) -Support for homeless students and students in foster care -Hospital and homebound tutoring -Attendance support -Variance and disciplinary hearings -Workshops for families



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Cost	Free
Contact Information	237 Essex Street, 4 th Floor Lawrence, MA Phone: 978-975-5900 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 am-4:30 pm, Thursday 12:00 pm – 6:30 pm