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Frequently Asked Questions Dr. Florence Seldin Family Support Program

How do I know if my child is eligible for the Family Support Program?

- You are a Chatham resident and can provide proof of your residency.
- Your child is either aged 3 or 4 years old by August 31st of the school year and lives with you.
- You can provide a copy of your child's original birth certificate.
- The licensed preschool has agreed to be a vendor.

How much funding is my child eligible to receive?

- Three-year-old children are eligible to a maximum of \$5,000 per year.
- Four-year-old children are eligible to a maximum of \$10,000 per year.

How do I apply for this funding?

- Please complete an application from the Town of Chatham and attach all necessary documentation (If your child is not yet enrolled in a program, select a licensed preschool provider and apply for your child to attend.)

What licensed preschools/childcare centers are eligible under the program?

- Chatham: The Rocking Unicorn
- Harwich: YMCA Cape Cod Harwich, Three Harbors Preschool
- Brewster: The Family School, The Laurel School
- Dennis: Little Stars, Scargo School
- Orleans: The Learning Garden, Meetinghouse Preschool
- Monomoy Integrated Preschool

(This is not an exhaustive list of all licensed preschools in our area. These are suggested options that may be considered by parents and not specific endorsements.)

Is funding based on our finances?

No, it is based on residency, age, and vendor selection. The Town of Chatham wants children to have access to preschool programs just like other school programs. Everyone pays for school via property taxes and not based on income, and this falls under the same concept. The Town supports this program because it supports parents working/being able to work more, which builds our families and local economy and helps cost-burdened parents pay for housing and other necessary costs. This is a subsidy that helps our families and local businesses.

If my child is already in a licensed preschool/childcare program, am I still eligible to apply?

Yes, as long as you meet the eligibility criteria and the vendor is licensed and agrees to be a vendor.

How will the licensed preschool/childcare program be paid?

The Town of Chatham can be billed directly for the service by the provider on a monthly basis, after each month where service was delivered.

Will this money paid by the Town and sent to the licensed preschools/childcare programs be taxable for the parents?

No. Payments go directly to the providers from the Town to pay for the service, like other services the Town provides, so it is neither taxable, nor deductible by parents. (Parents can still deduct any additional payments they make for childcare from their taxes.)

What is the impact of this program?

The goal of our Town is to maintain a vibrant, healthy, and community-oriented year-round community. Neighboring Cape Cod towns have already implemented similar programs and have achieved immediate success. As we look to the future of our Town and its residents, we need to be cognizant of the lack of affordable/attainable housing, rising living costs, and the need to support our young families. This dedication to our young families and children will be further supported by the implementation of this program. It will allow young, working families a greater degree of stability knowing that their children are safe and well cared for while they work via funding and support from their community.



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DR. FLORENCE SELDIN FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM APPLICATION (FY2023)

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Rec'd: ____/____/____

INITIALS: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian(s): _____ Date: ____/____/____

Mailing Address: _____

Residential Address: _____

Primary Email: _____ Phone: () _____

1.) Proof of Residency (REQUIRED)

- Valid form of ID with a Chatham address

Proof of Residency (please attach or scan one)

- Tax bill
- Copy of Lease of property
- Utility Bill within the last sixty (60) days

2.) Information about Child/Children that will be attending Pre-School

- Please attach or scan a copy of a birth certificate for each child named below.

► Name of Child: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

☐ Child will be three (3) years old on or before August 31, 2022 to qualify for the first year of childcare or pre-school.

☐ Child will be four (4) years old on or before August 31, 2022 to qualify for the second year of childcare or pre-school.

Name of Provider: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Childcare Provider Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Schedule: M T W TH F Full Day: _____ ½ Day: _____

Explain if different: _____

► Name of Child: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

☐ **Child will be three (3) years old on or before August 31, 2022 to qualify for the first year of childcare or pre-school.**

☐ **Child will be four (4) years old on or before August 31, 2022 to qualify for the second year of childcare or pre-school.**

Name of Provider: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Childcare Provider Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Schedule: M T W TH F Full Day: _____ ½ Day: _____

Explain if different: _____

3.) Additional Comments or Information that you would like to provide us:

4.) If your child is not currently enrolled in school, you may seek services from any licensed provider. A list of licensed providers is posted on the Town's website:

<https://www.chatham-ma.gov>

Please submit the completed application to:

Town of Chatham
Attn: Town Manager's Office
549 Main Street
Chatham, MA 02633

Or scan/email to: snealy@chatham-ma.gov

TOWN OF CHATHAM UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

(Please Provide Copies of Each)

- ☐ Completed application
 - ☐ Copy of Birth Certificate of Child/Children
 - ☐ Tax Bill/Copy of Lease of Property/Utility Bill in the Last sixty (60) Days
 - ☐ Proof of residency in the form of an issued ID with a Chatham street address (parent/guardian).
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All documents must be provided before the application will be processed.