

# Childcare funding for working families

Working families can now qualify for funded childcare. By September 2025, you could benefit from up to 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare per year with participating childcare providers in Essex.



<b>From April 2024</b>	15 hours for 2 year olds of working parents (the term after the child's 2nd birthday)
<b>From September 2024</b>	15 hours for 9 month olds of working parents (the term after the child is 9 months old)
<b>From September 2025</b>	30 hours for 9 months up of working parents (the term after the child is 9 months old)

Childcare  
**Choices**

To check if you're eligible and to apply, visit:

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

**To find out more about childcare in Essex**

Visit: [www.essex.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.essex.gov.uk/earlyyears)

Email: Family Information Service at [fis@essex.gov.uk](mailto:fis@essex.gov.uk)

Speak to: Your local Family Hub or childcare provider