

Pre-K Admissions Overview & Supports

[On April 2, 2014, Mayor de Blasio announced the expansion of high quality full-day pre-kindergarten](#) for children and families across our City. We are pleased to be able to offer families diverse options and look forward to announcing thousands more seats in the coming months.

Please note: [Pre-K Expansion flyers](#) are now available (in [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), and [Urdu](#)). Please share with families to alert them about the new full-day pre-k options.

Pre-K Basics

- **Eligibility:** Children who turn four years of age by December 31, 2014 (*children born in 2010*) and live in any of the five Boroughs are eligible for free pre-kindergarten starting September 2014.
- **Pre-K Settings:** Pre-K is offered in public schools and community-based organizations (CBOs) (*e.g. Day Care Centers, Head Start programs, Group Family Day Care, Independent Schools, Parochial Schools, etc.*). All New York City pre-kindergarten programs share a common goal: to prepare children for school and life by giving them a solid foundation.

Finding a Pre-K Program

- Families can refer to the [Pre-K Directory](#) for a list of Public School and CBO programs.
- For a list of where new full-day pre-k seats were added, families must review the [Pre-K Expansion Guide](#).
- The Directory and the Expansion Guide are translated into 9 languages on the nyc.gov/schools/prek website.

Applying to Pre-K

- **Public School Pre-K:** Families must submit an application [online](#) or at a [Borough Enrollment Office](#) by Wednesday, April 23, 2014. [Translated step-by-step instructions](#) are available in 9 languages ([Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), and [Urdu](#)). There is an instance of the online application tool in Spanish.
- **CBO Pre-K:** CBOs manage their own admissions process. Families must submit a [CBO application](#) (available in [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), and [Urdu](#)) directly to each CBO of interest.

Supports for Families Applying to Pre-K from Now through April 23

- [Borough Enrollment Offices with extended](#) hours from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through April 23:
 - **Brooklyn:** 131 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, 11201 (*tel: 718-935-4908*)
 - **Queens:** 90-27 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, 11435 (*tel: 718-935-2393*)
- **Additional Outreach & Support Days:** [ACS-DOE co-sponsored Pre-K Enrollment Assistance](#) will be hosted in each Borough.
- **Public School application support:** Families may contact the **Enrollment Hotline** directly at **718-935-2009**
 - Interpretation services are available in 150 languages at Enrollment Office or via the Enrollment Hotline.
- **CBO Program search and application support:** Families may contact the **Office of Early Childhood Education Field Offices:**
 - Brooklyn/Staten Island Field Office: Chris McKay - (718) 643-1173, ext. 82239
 - Bronx/Manhattan Field Office: Trisia Carter - (718) 741-3963
 - Queens Field Office: Richard Switach - (718) 642-5803
- **Getting Updates on the process and timelines:** Families may - *Call:* 311, *Visit:* nyc.gov/schools/prek, *Text:* "prek" to 877877, or *Sign up for email updates at:* nyc.gov/schools/subscribe.
- *In transitioning children into pre-k in September 2014 and to support their learning throughout the 2014-2015 school year, we encourage families to access the [Pre-K Guides for Families](#), found in various languages.*

Supports for Partners

- Recorded webinar titled [Pre-K Admissions Training](#) is now available here: <http://www.learndoe.org/oece/pre-k-admissions-training/>. Please view to get a better understanding of the pre-k application process and how best to support families served.
- Contact the **Enrollment Hotline** at 718-935-2009 or the **Office of Early Childhood Education** at 212-374-6858 with any questions about pre-k admissions.