# Maryland State Department of Education Pre-K Program for 3- and 4-Year-Olds

The child development experts at Kennedy Krieger Institute are excited to offer a unique, free, high-quality prekindergarten program with a level 5—the highest possible—rating by Maryland EXCELS (Excellence Counts in Early Learning and School Age Care). We use the Connect4Learning® Pre-K Curriculum, a National Science Foundation-supported program, to encourage child development and learning across different areas and stages of development. The



program provides a safe learning environment with a low staff-to-student ratio, so that we may meet the learning and emotional needs of each child. Only 15 slots are available, so apply now for the upcoming school year!

## COST

This free program is only available to families whose income is no more than 300% above the federal poverty line (see chart). Families will be asked to provide proof of income during the registration process.

## LOCATION

Kennedy Krieger Institute, Greenspring Campus, Creamer Building, 3901 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21211

Transportation is not provided.

### HOURS

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday Classrooms will stagger arrival and departure times.

#### CRITERIA

- Child must be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2021.
- Child must be a Maryland resident.
- Families must provide transportation for their children.
- Parent must take part in virtual parent-training activities during the school year.

## **COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**

- Small class size
- Personal protective equipment for staff members and children
- Adherence to health and safety guidelines set by the CDC, the Maryland State Department of Education and Kennedy Krieger Institute
- Restricted access to classrooms during drop-off and pick-up
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitation procedures
- Virtual instruction provided in the event of unexpected school closures



#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

- Breakfast and lunch offered daily
- Literacy, science and math activities
- Circle time
- Free play
- Music and art activities

## **INCOME GUIDELINES**

Families must be at or below:

Household Size	300% Above Federal Poverty Line	Household Size	300% Above Federal Poverty Line
1	\$38,280	5	\$92,040
2	\$51,720	6	\$105,480
3	\$65,160	7	\$118,920
4	\$78,600	8	\$132,360

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Request an application from Diane Appel at **Appel@KennedyKrieger.org** or **443-923-7699**.

Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis pending eligibility.

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