**Announcing a Pre-Kindergarten Education Program at Cap City**

Capital City Community Center is pleased to announce that our **Smith Hill Early Childhood Learning Center (SHECLC)** has been selected for a fifth time to provide pre-kindergarten (PreK) education in Providence. SHECLC, affiliated with Gateway Healthcare, a Lifespan partner, is a 4-star quality rated program. Starting in September, we will be offering 90 slots to Providence children in our 5 Pre-K classrooms located at 25 Danforth Street. The Rhode Island Department of Education’s Pre-kindergarten Program funds ***free, high-quality*** pre-kindergarten classes through legislation enacted in 2008. Spaces are available for 1080 children to participate in the 60 pre-kindergarten classes in selected RI communities.

To be eligible, children must be 4 years old by September 1, and they must be residents of one of the identified communities. Children are selected for participation in the program through a state run lottery. Families can apply online at: [**https://www3.ride.ri.gov/PKLottery**](https://www3.ride.ri.gov/PKLottery)  or they may pick up an application at any Pre-Kindergarten Program location. Families can also download the application by clicking on the link below. The application includes a list of all of the Pre-K sites across the State.

[**State Pre-Kindergarten Program Lottery Paper Application – English**](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-World-Class-Standards/early%20childhood/2017%20-%202018%20State%20PreK%20Application%20English%20Final.pdf)

[**State Pre-Kindergarten Program Lottery Paper Application – Spanish**](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Instruction-and-Assessment-World-Class-Standards/early%20childhood/PreK%20Application%202017-%202018%20Spanish%20Final.pdf)

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