We are here to help!

HWCEC Family Services

hwcec.org/family-services

At Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center, our goal is to serve Northwest Arkansas by providing high quality care for children and their families. All children deserve to grow in safe, nurturing environments, regardless of their family's income. That is why we assist families not only through sliding-scale tuition, but also through holistic family services.

HWCEC's Family Services Coordinator connects parents to resources such as job placement, financial support, counseling, food assistance, household supplies, clothing, housing, and more to meet the individual needs of the family.

Families who struggle with purchasing supplies may also receive direct help from our organization with formula, groceries, diapers, wipes, children's clothing, hygiene supplies, and more.

Our goal is to make sure that children have access to the things they need to be happy and healthy. The first five years are crucial to the development of the child, so by helping provide families with resources, we are investing in the future of the child.

Contact Jennifer Henning, our Family Services Coordinator, at jhenning@hwccenter.com to schedule a meeting or inquire about assistance, community resources, or the programs listed below. There is no income verification to receive assistance.

We are always in need of donations for these programs. If you are interested in supporting any of them, please reach out to Jennifer Henning at jhenning@hwccenter.com. Needs-based (and free!) assistance programs at HWCEC:

- Monthly diaper assistance: 25-50 diapers/pull-ups per month
- Dry Goods Pantry Available during normal operating hours, families can donate or take food, formula, or baby food items anonymously.
- Community Fridge Extra food from our kitchen is available for families and staff to take home on a daily basis.
- Christopher's Lending Library Borrow a book and bring it back for others to enjoy.
- Libby's Brain Bags Borrow a backpack with age-appropriate toys. Sign them in and out at the front desk.
- Winter Coat Drive Children of HWCEC families eligible for assistance will be provided with a winter coat, hat, and gloves.
- Formula Assistance HWCEC families of enrolled infants may sign up to receive free Member's Mark formula every month.
- Thanksgiving Assistance Program-Families that sign up for assistance will be provided with their choice of meat, their choice of pie, and dry goods to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal for their family for free.
- Christmas Assistance Program Families that sign up for assistance will fill out a wish list for their child. Secret shoppers purchase products on the wish list, and you will have presents in hand before Christmas.