



Head Start for Kent County

Connecting Families and Community Resources

Ways to Get Involved

Employment



Why work for Head Start?

In addition to a comprehensive insurance package, we also offer:

- Tuition Reimbursement
- Paid Sick, Personal, Vacation Time and Holidays
- Work From Home option on Agency Snow Days
- No Evening Work for Most Positions
- Working towards a great cause

Volunteering



We have many ways for parents and community members to volunteer!

- Help out in the classroom
- Read to children
- Assisting with bus supervision
- Help teaching staff with projects
- Join the Watch D.O.G.S. Program
- Lead a Parent Café
- Join the Parent Policy Council

Internships



We are proud to offer internship opportunities for students in areas including Social Services, Education, and Home Visiting.

- Paid Internships
- May offer college credit
- Hands on training and experience
- Potential to transition into full-time position

Programs

Pregnancy - 3 Years Old



Infant/Toddler Rooms

- Full-Day, Center-Based Sessions
- Meals/Formula Provided
- Individualized Caregiving
- Monthly Family Engagement Events



Home Visiting

- Weekly 90-Minute Home Visits
- Interpretation Provided
- Bi-Weekly Socializations
- Monthly Family Engagement Events
- Bonding & Attachment Guidance
- Nurse Visits

3 Years Old - 5 Years Old



Preschool

- Monthly Family Engagement Events
- Enhancing School Readiness Skills

Transportation: We take great care with the transportation we offer for the majority of our preschoolers. To ensure child safety, we use age and weight appropriate child restraints.

Services

Education: Children learn through play & developmentally appropriate activities to ensure the best learning experience possible for every child. Individualized planning to ensure the best learning experience. Reading Programs, books & other pre-literacy material distribution.

Health: Emphasizes the importance of ongoing preventive care & early detection of health problems. Families are provided with assistance in accessing resources to address oral & physical well-being, including health and developmental screenings.

Special Needs: Our team works with teachers, families and outside school districts and agencies to support the overall development and social-emotional wellness of children and their families.

Nutrition: Children receive nutritious snacks & meals (and formula for infants & toddlers), as well as individualized care to meet special dietary needs.

Parent, Family, & Community Engagement: We engage families & caregivers in the process of identifying strengths and needed services. We help match families with helpful community resources, and parents are encouraged to volunteer, join committees, and lead engagement groups.

Enrollment

Applications are accepted year-round from families who meet eligibility guidelines. Children can enter our programs at any time during the year. If classes are full, children will be added to the waitlist.

We have sites located throughout Kent County.

**To start the enrollment process, call:
(616)453-4145**





Founded in 1991, Head Start for Kent County receives federal funds to manage Head Start and Early Head Start programs, providing high quality service at no cost to qualifying families.

Our Mission:

To deliver comprehensive services to low income children five and under and to their families, promoting their wellbeing and development.

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