

Types of Services

- Early Head Start -- Birth to 3 yrs.* (12 month programs)
- Prenatal Supportive Services
- Preschool— 3-5 yrs. Morning or afternoon sessions available. (9 month program)
- Preschool— 3-5 yrs. Full day sessions available.* (9 & 12 month programs)

*We Accept State Child Care Subsidy.

Get Involved

Volunteers are essential to the Head Start program. Parents, community residents, students and seniors can donate their time to Head Start.

To volunteer is an extraordinary experience, guaranteed to provide you with personal fulfillment, pride in helping your community and hope for the future. Donating even a little of your time can make a big difference! Contact your local Head Start to volunteer today!

Other Ways to Give:

- Monthly or annual giving
- Honorary or memorial donations
- Bequests and planned gifts
- Workplace giving

For more information about Head Start and how to get involved please visit our website at www.oacac-caa.org.

Head Start Locations

Barry County

Butterfield 417.442.7616 * Cassville 417.847.8011
Monett 417.235.8779 * Shell Knob 417.858.9748

Christian County

Nixa 417.724.2920 * Ozark 417.581.2393

Dade County

Greenfield 417.637.2090

Dallas County

Buffalo 417.345.2240

Greene County

Ash Grove 417.751.2877 * Fair Grove 417.759.6124
Republic 417.732.1017 * Springfield 417.864.3430

Lawrence County

Aurora 417.678.4608 * Mt. Vernon 417.471.1211

Polk County

Bolivar 417.777.8932

Stone County

Crane 417.723.5245
Reeds Spring 417.272.3241 ext 4075

Taney County

Branson 417.332.0003 * Kissee Mills 417.546.4635
Hollister 417.334.7515

Webster County

Fordland 417.767.4596 * Marshfield 417.859.6293
Seymour 417.935.4216

Early Head Start:

Call 417.864.3430 for more information

Head Start Main Office

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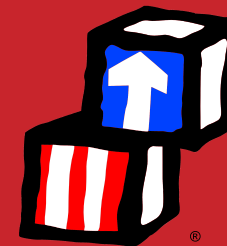
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Head Start

A Premier
Early Childhood
Program





What is Head Start?

Head Start is an early childhood program operated by Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation (OACAC). Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide comprehensive early childhood and family development services to children from birth to five-years-old, pregnant women and families.

Head Start provides a range of individualized services in the areas of education and early childhood development; medical, dental, and mental health; nutrition; parental involvement and family support.

Our program has a long tradition of delivering comprehensive and high quality services designed to foster healthy development for income eligible children and their families.

Education

Children are learning all the time—and they learn best by being active! The most important goals of our curriculum are for children to get along well with others and become enthusiastic learners. We teach them how to learn, not just in preschool, but throughout their lives.

A child's early years are very important to their development and learning. Head Start helps prepare children for success in school and life.

Our curriculum supports active learning, exploration through play and the development of the whole child. Our teachers focus on four areas of development:

- Social & Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Intellectual Development
- Language Development

Family & Community

Head Start actively involves parents and the community in all aspects of the program by

- Supporting parents as their child's first teacher
- Providing training in parent education
- Helping improve parent's decision-making and leadership skills
- Encouraging volunteerism and observation in all areas of the program

Health Services

Head Start health services promote positive outcomes for children birth to five through:

- Medical and dental referrals
- Preventative health and dental assistance (children and pregnant women)
- Screening and referrals including: development, language, mental health, nutrition and speech
- Inclusion of children with disabilities
- Nutritious meals
- Individualized health care plans