

Head Start Locations

Bullitt County (502) 955-6532 or 543-4047 or 538-3113 or 955-4831

Spencer County (502) 477-0301

Shelby County (502) 633-7710 or 633-2348

Eminence Independent. (502) 845-5503

Henry County (502) 845-0990

Owen County (502) 484-4249

Gallatin County (859) 567-2228

How to Qualify for Head Start

- ✓ *Children must be three or four years of age by October 1st*
- ✓ *Families must meet Head Start income eligibility guidelines*



- ✓ *Income Verification*
- ✓ *Proof of Child's Birth Date*
- ✓ *Child's Social Security Number*



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OVEC HEAD START

-Sowing Seeds, Growing Futures

COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM



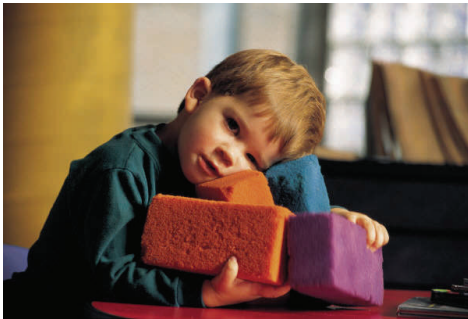
What is Head Start...

Project Head Start is a federally funded, comprehensive program serving three and four year old children from income eligible families.

Head Start believes that parents are a child's first teacher. Head Start involves parents and the community in programs focused in three areas:

- Child Health and Development
- Family and Community Partnerships
- Program Governance

Additionally, ten percent of Head Start's enrollment is reserved for children professionally diagnosed as disabled, who receive comprehensive services to meet their special needs.



Education

A Center based or Full Day Full Year option program with individualized instruction is provided. This helps your child develop socially, intellectually, physically and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development. Parents are encouraged to become an integral part of the child's learning process.

Most OVEC Head Start centers have been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Health

A comprehensive health program is provided to promote preventive health services and early intervention. Families are introduced to a network system that links them to ongoing health care. Head Start health services include:

- Medical, Vision and Dental Exams
- Speech/Language, Hearing and Developmental Screening
- Nutritional and Growth Assessments
- Mental Health Services

Family Services

Head Start provides counseling, referrals, and assistance to families in becoming aware of community resources available that may benefit their family. Head Start's Social Service staff help to promote independence, personal growth and self-sufficiency in families.

Parents are an essential part of the Head Start program. You may become active participants in classroom and group activities in program planning and the decision-making process. You will have opportunities to learn, grow and become more effective parents.

Disabilities Services

Disabled children and their families receive the full range of Head Start developmental services. In addition, Head Start staff members work closely with community agencies to provide services which meet the special needs of the disabled child. Services for children identified include outreach and recruitment, screening, professional diagnosis, development and implementation of IEP. Transition services into and out of Head Start are also provided.