

Ways your child could Qualify for the Early Head Start Full-Day/Full-Year Program

⇒ Must have an infant or toddler that is younger than 3 years of age before October 1st

(AND)

⇒ You are eligible to receive Child Care Subsidy

(OR)

⇒ You are a K-TAP recipient

(AND)

⇒ You are attending school *or*, You are in job training *or*, You are currently working.

Ways a Pregnant Mother could qualify for Early Head Start

Services.

- ⇒ Have an established pregnancy
- ⇒ Consideration given for circumstances including income, current trimester and potential health risk, but not limited to the above

To apply you will need:

- √ **Income verification**
- √ **Child's birth verification**
- √ **Child's social security number**

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*Pregnant Mothers***



Services currently provided in
Gallatin, Eminence, Henry,
Shelby, and Bullitt Counties.

What is the Early Head Start Full-Day/Full-Year Program

The **Early Head Start** program is a federally funded, comprehensive, individualized services program serving children birth to three years old from income eligible families.

The **Early Head Start Full-Day/Full-Year** program will specifically target parents who are K-TAP recipients, working, in job training or attending school who need full-day/year round care for their children. Parents will be expected to qualify for the child care subsidy program and will also be required to pay a minimal fee based on their income.

The **Early Head Start** program involves parents and the community in four key component areas:

Education

Health

Social Services

Parent Involvement

Additionally, 10% of Early 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 full-day/full-year program where individualized instruction is provided to help 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.

Social Services:

Early Head Start provides counseling, referrals and assistance to families in becoming aware of community resources available to improve their condition and quality of life. Early Head Start's social service staff help to promote independence, personal growth and self-sufficiency in families.

Disabilities Services:

Disabled children and their families receive the full range of Early Head Start developmental services. In addition, Early Head Start staff members work closely with community agencies to provide services which meet the special needs of the disabled child. Services for children include outreach and recruitment, screening, professional diagnosis, development and implementation of IFSP and transition into traditional Head Start classrooms.

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. Early Head Start health services include: Medical & Dental Exams, Vision, Speech/Language & Hearing Screening, Nutritional & Growth Assessments, Mental Health Services and Follow-up care as needed

Parent Involvement:

You as parents are an essential part of the Early Head Start program. You may become active participants in classrooms and group activities, program planning and the decision making process of the program. You will be exposed to opportunities to learn, grow and become more effective parents.

What is the Early Head Start Pregnant Mothers/Prenatal Program

The Early Head Start prenatal program is the same federally funded, individualized program for income eligible families with the targeted population being pregnant women who are income eligible and are identified as an "at risk pregnancy".

Some of the services provided will include prenatal, labor & delivery and postpartum education, networking to ensure regular obstetric intervention and the establishment of appropriate support systems.

The format of the program is home-based in which one-on-one visits will take place between the mother (and others as desired) and the Early Head Start Family Advocate. Opportunities will be provided for hands on learning and infant exposure.

