

What is Early Head Start?

Early Head Start is a free program for children ages 0-3 and their families. In addition to education, health services, parent involvement activities and social services for the whole family are included. Services are also provided for children with disabilities.



Parent Involvement is an important part of Early Head Start.

Options:

Center Based—provides children with learning opportunities in a classroom setting. Full year full day classrooms are open Monday- Friday for parents who are working or in school.

Home Based— provides services to children & parents in their own home for one and half hours weekly with group socialization 2 times a month in the classroom.

Services

- Children learn number and language skills that will prepare them to enter kindergarten. Our teachers are top-notch and a learning plan is developed for each child to fit their specific needs.
- Children receive a health screening including vision, hearing and speech, a complete physical examination.
- Good nutrition is a high priority. Children receive nutritious meals and snacks. Nutrition education is also provided to children and parents.
- Parents are the most important influence in a child's development. They are involved in program planning and decision making, and are encouraged to participate in the classroom and on field trips.

Early Head Start is family centered and community based.



A free program for children (ages 0-3) designed to give parents skills to prepare children for school.



To complete a quick application you can:

- Call or come into your local Head Start office
- Print a mail in form from our website- www.pacecaa.org

Eligibility is based on income and need.

Children with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Transportation referrals are provided.

We Educate, Empower & Improve

Parent Involvement:

Parent participation in all aspects is welcomed and encouraged. The Head Start Policy Council is a formal structure that provides the opportunity and authority for parents and guardians to participate in shared decision-making.

A variety of trainings and activities identified as needed/wanted by the parents are offered throughout the school year.

Transition Services:

Our staff works with parents to make sure the transition into Early Head Start is a smooth one for the parent and child. Staff also supports the family as they transition into Head Start or another childcare program.

Literacy and Education:

All parents are encouraged to further their education by increasing their literacy skills, getting their GED, or going to college. Staff will help by obtaining information and identifying resources that will be helpful.

Volunteers:

Parent volunteers are a very important part of the Early Head Start Program. They can assist in the Child Care Home, assist staff during socialization, provide clerical support, and help on field trips and committees.

It is the policy of Pace Community Action Agency to comply with all State and Federal Regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry or status as a veteran.

Our Philosophy

Early Head Start is dedicated to providing high quality services to children, families and the community in a responsible and caring manner.

For Children, we ensure a secure and nurturing environment where they are encouraged to discover the wonders of the world around them through developmentally appropriate activities, materials and equipment that fosters self-esteem and instills a love of learning.

For Families, we provide supportive services to strengthen their relationships, empowering them to become self-sufficient with a support system that is unbiased and unprejudiced.

For the Community, we target the needs of local populations through the maximum utilization of available resources, the sharing of information and the collaboration of services.

For Staff, we value and respect them as individuals, encourage them to grow as professionals and support them as partners in a learning environment.

Our Locations:

Knox County
Administration Offices
525 N. 4th Street
Vincennes, IN 47591
Phone: (812) 882-7927

16 Reel Avenue
Vincennes, IN 47591
Phone: (812) 886-4347

Daviess County
2103 Cosby Road
Washington, IN 47501
(812) 254-6098



Early Head Start

Where the Journey of Learning Begins!

We provide support services that improve the community and encourage self-reliance.