

Van Buren County Head Start



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Head Start at a Glance

The UCHRA Van Buren County Head Start program promotes school readiness of children ages three to five from low-income families by supporting the development of the whole child. Head Start should not be confused with daycare. It is so much more! The UCHRA Van Buren County Head Start program supports children's growth and development in a positive learning environment through a variety of services, which include but are not limited to: Early learning: Children's readiness for school and beyond is fostered through individualized learning experiences. Through relationships with adults, play, planned and spontaneous instruction, children grow in many aspects of development. Children progress in social skills and emotional well-being, along with language and literacy learning, and concept development Health: Each child's perceptual, motor, and physical development is supported to permit them to fully explore and function in their environment. All children receive health and development screenings, nutritious meals, oral health and mental health support. The program connects families with medical, dental, and mental health services to ensure that children are receiving the services they need. The Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE) Framework is a road map for progress. Programs enhance and coordinate program services by utilizing the PFCE Framework, to inform community partners about Head Start and parent and family engagement goals and the importance of those goals to children's school readiness and success in school and life. The Head Start PFCE Framework is intended to inspire a renewed spirit of collaboration as programs identify and take the next steps to engage families and communities to achieve better outcomes for children and families.

What Can the Head Start Program Offer You and Your Child?



Head Start provides children with activities that can help them grow mentally, socially, emotionally, and physically. Head Start staff members offer your child love, acceptance, understanding and the opportunity to learn and to experience success. Head Start children socialize with others, solve problems, and have other experiences which help them become self-confident, to grow and learn. Children also improve their listening and speaking skills. Head Start children leave the program prepared for kindergarten, excited about learning and ready to succeed. As parents and families of Head Start children, there are many ways for you to become involved and stay engaged in your children's education and future. Research shows that children whose parents are engaged in their education do better in school. Parent engagement at the preschool level prepares parents to be active once their children enter elementary school, middle school, and high school. Schools need parent and family engagement to succeed just as much as your children do. Parents who are engaged with the Head Start program are more likely to offer stimulating home environments. Head Start parents read more with their children use less physical punishment and have higher levels of self-sufficiency. The parent who partners with their Head Start program learns to invest more time in learning activities with their children, and is more likely to increase their own educational levels during their children's early years

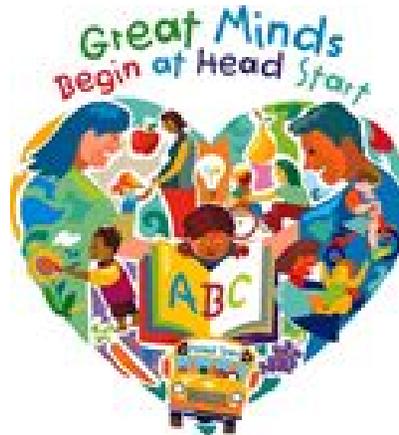


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Van Buren County Head Start accepts all children regardless of National Origin, Creed, Race, Sex, or Disability.



What Can the Head Start Program Offer Your Family?

When a child enrolls in our program, not only does the child benefit, but the family as a whole benefits. Many parents who enroll their children in Head Start also receive educational services themselves. The program assists parents in obtaining their GEDs and enrolling in college/training opportunities. Parents also receive education about parenting, as well as job training. Other resources provided but not limited to: include male involvement education, money management, accessing health care, nutrition education, safety practices, and DLL/disability support. Each family is different, identifying and developing individualized family goals leads the process of families developing skills that promote self-sufficiency and independence. The program develops partnerships with community providers that support a system of services to address the family's social service needs.

