

Head Start/Early Head Start

Eligibility

- Children must be NH residents aged birth to five years and live in the same household as the parent/caregiver requesting services.
- Pregnant women and families must meet the US Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.
- Children in families without homes or in foster care are automatically eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services.

General information: Head Start/Early Head Start Programs in NH*

- All Head Start/Early Head Start (EHS) programs in NH are operated by Community Action Agencies.
- There are five Head Start, three EHS programs and two EHS/Child Care Partnership grants.
- Total Funded Enrollment for Head Start/EHS statewide is 1,640.
- Total Cumulative Enrollment for Head Start/EHS statewide is 2,086 (including 21 pregnant women).
- Three programs offer wrap around child care for working parents.
- Head Start/EHS statewide had a combined total of 2,868 volunteers, including 1,636 parents

* Source: 2017 Head Start/Early Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) Summary Report-State Level

New Hampshire Head Start Directors Association

Works to advocate on behalf of Head Start Children and families.

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NH Head Start Collaboration Office (Located in the Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration)

- Fosters collaboration and teamwork between Head Start and State and local partners concerned with families of young children;
- Strengthens and aligns early childhood systems; and
- Improves access to comprehensive services for income-eligible families of young children.

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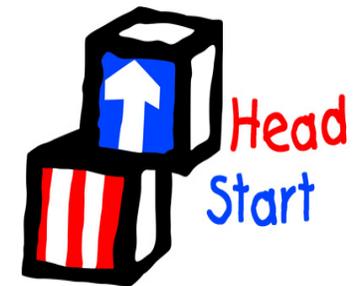
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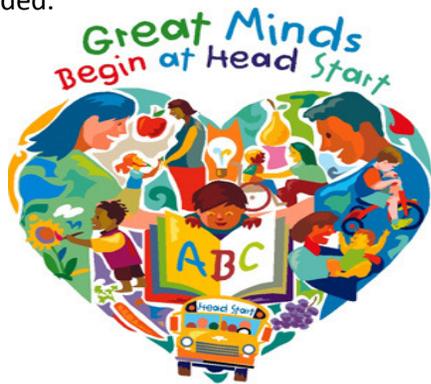
New Hampshire Head Start/ Early Head Start



Head Start and Early Head Start are federally-funded, national child and family development programs that provide comprehensive services for pregnant women, children from birth to age five, and their families.

Fast Facts:

- Comprehensive services for children promote school readiness, and include early education, health, nutrition, social and emotional health, and services for all children including Dual Language Learners and those with special needs.
- Comprehensive services for parents promote family engagement, and include parent leadership and social service supports.
- During the first 45 days of enrollment, Head Start conducts a variety of child screenings including height, weight, vision, hearing, developmental and behavioral screenings. For any concerns identified, Head Start supports parents around referrals and follow-up with appropriate health and public school professionals.
- Head Start supports families in assuring that children stay up-to-date on their schedule of well child care, including regular physical exams, dental exams and immunizations, and follow-up care as needed.



New Hampshire Programs

<p><i>Belknap/Merrimack Counties</i></p> <p><i>2 Industrial Park Drive P.O. Box 1016 Concord, NH Telephone Number: 603-225-3295</i></p> <p><i>Programs:</i> <i>Head Start/Early Head Start Serving Belknap and Merrimack Counties</i></p>	<p><i>Southwestern Community Services</i></p> <p><i>63 Community Way PO Box 603 Keene, NH 03431 Telephone Number: 603-352-7512</i></p> <p><i>Programs:</i> <i>Head Start Serving Cheshire and Sullivan Counties</i></p>
<p><i>Southern New Hampshire Services</i></p> <p><i>40 Pine Street Manchester, NH 03108 Telephone Number: 603-668-8010 1-800-322-1073</i></p> <p><i>Programs:</i> <i>Head Start/Early Head Start/ child care expansion/partnership Serving Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties</i></p>	<p><i>Community Action Partnership of Strafford County</i></p> <p><i>62 Whittier Unit A P.O. Box 160 Dover, NH 03821 Telephone Number: 603-435-2500</i></p> <p><i>Programs:</i> <i>Head Start/Early Head Start/child care expansion/partnership Serving Strafford County</i></p>
<p><i>Tri-County Community Action Program</i></p> <p><i>610 Sullivan Street Berlin, NH 03570 Telephone Number: 603-752-7138</i></p> <p><i>Programs:</i> <i>Head Start Serving Coos, Carrol and Grafton Counties</i></p>	Three handprints are shown in the bottom right corner of the table. One is purple, one is green, and one is pink. They are arranged in a slightly overlapping pattern, with the purple one at the top, the green one on the left, and the pink one on the right.