

Head Start Application Process Do Not Delay!



Who Should Apply?

Preschool children ages 3-4 born before or on September 1st of the Program School Year. Visit our website at www.ics-hs.org for county and center listings.

FREE Services Provided: Transportation but limited, Potty-training/diapering (supplies provided), Healthy Meals, Medical, Dental, Vision, Hearing, Disability Services, Mental Health/Behavioral Health Services, Parent Engagement, Family Goal Setting and Resources, Kindergarten/school readiness preparation and more.

How to Apply:

- Complete an inquiry online at <u>www.ics-hs.org</u> under the Apply for Services Online on the first page. Click Head Start/Early Head Start Online Application. **NOTE:** The online application will only allow you to enter one application. If you already have an application in the system you will not be allowed enter another one. Please contact the Center Family Services Staff.
- 2. Contact your local Head Start Center and ask to speak with Family Services Staff to complete an application via phone. **NOTE:** This process is not complete until you have met with Family Services Staff to sign the online documents and submitted all eligibility documentation.
- 3. Set an appointment at your local Head Start Center with Family Services Staff to do a face-to-face interview. **NOTE:** Please bring all eligibility documents.

Eligibility Documentation Needed:

- **Proof of Income (Pay Check Stub, 1040 or W-2 Tax Form) or SSI, TANF, SNAP (Current Approval Letter),
- **Immunization MS Form 121 or 122 (Shot Record), **Proof of Medical/Dental Insurance and **Child's Birth Certificate (If obtaining the birth certificate is a barrier, please contact the Center Family Services Staff).

Formal Recruitment is January 2025 through April 2025.

If your child is on the **WAITLIST** be sure to update your income information. Selection will start in April. Bus transportation is available but limited for Head Start children.

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