

# Head Start and Early Head Start in Kansas

- ▶ Supporting healthy development to give every Kansas child a chance to succeed

## What is Head Start?



Head Start, a federal program founded in 1965, improves the health and education of preschool-age children. Since its inception, Head Start has served 32 million children through initiatives based in schools, child care centers and homes. In 1995, Early Head Start began offering services to pregnant women, infants, and toddlers.

Together, Head Start and Early Head Start support healthy development and school readiness for children from birth to 5. In Kansas, there are 26 partner programs that promote early learning; medical, dental, and mental health; and overall family well-being. Services are offered in a variety of settings, with a collaborative approach that encourages parents to act as their children's first teachers.

## Who are Head Start and Early Head Start for?



- ▶ Kansas residents
- ▶ Children birth to 5 and pregnant women from families with low income (less than \$27,750 annual pre-tax income for a family of four, per federal poverty guidelines)
- ▶ Children in foster care, homeless children, children with disabilities, and children from families receiving public assistance (SNAP, TANF, or SSI)
- ▶ Head Start programs may enroll up to 10 percent of children from families that have incomes above the Poverty Guidelines
- ▶ Check with your community for additional eligibility criteria that may apply to local programs

## What can Head Start do for you?



- ▶ Mental health services for young children and women before, during and after pregnancy
- ▶ Hearing, vision screenings as well as dental and physical exams
- ▶ Quality early education
- ▶ Parent education
- ▶ Family support
- ▶ Nutritional support and education
- ▶ Child care for parents who are employed, attending school or in a job training program

Learn more and find your local program



# Where to find Head Start services in your community:

## **Bright Beginnings**

Dodge City, KS  
620-371-1220  
Counties Served: Ford

## **Child Start, Inc.**

Wichita, KS  
316-682-1853  
Counties Served: Sedgwick, Harper, Butler

## **Clay County Child Care Center**

Clay Center, KS  
785-632-2195  
Counties Served: Clay, Cloud, Ottawa, Republic, Washington

## **Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska**

Kearney, NE  
308-865-5690  
Counties Served in Kansas: Norton, Phillips

## **Community Action, Inc.**

Topeka, KS  
785-235-9561  
Counties Served: Shawnee

## **Cooper Early Education Center**

Newton, KS  
316-284-6510  
Counties Served: Harvey

## **Cowley County Head Start**

Arkansas City, KS  
620-441-2075  
Counties Served: Cowley

## **Early Childhood Connections**

Hays, KS  
785-623-2430  
Counties Served: Ellis, Rooks, Rush, Russell

## **East Central Kansas Community Action**

Ottawa, KS  
785-242-5481  
Counties Served: Anderson, Coffey, Douglas, Franklin, Lyon, Miami, Osage

## **The Family Conservancy**

Kansas City, KS  
913-342-1110  
Counties Served: Johnson, Wyandotte

## **Futures Unlimited**

Wellington, KS  
620-326-8906  
Counties Served: Sumner

## **Growing Futures Early Education Center**

Overland Park, KS 66204  
913-649-9714  
Counties Served: Johnson

## **Heartland Early Education**

Salina, KS  
785-309-5000  
Counties Served: Dickinson, Ellsworth, Saline

## **Kansas Children's Service League**

Garden City, KS  
620-276-3232  
Counties Served: Finney, Grant, Gray, Haskell, Kearney, Scott, Seward, Stanton, Stevens, Wichita

## **Kickapoo Head Start**

Powhattan, KS  
785-474-3231  
Counties Served: Brown

## **Manhattan USD 383 Head Start**

Manhattan, KS  
785-587-2045  
Counties Served: Riley

## **McPherson/Marion County Head Start**

McPherson, KS  
620-241-9590  
Counties Served: Marion, McPherson

## **NEK-CAP, Inc.**

Hiawatha, KS  
785-742-2222  
Counties Served: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Marshall, Nemaha, Pottawatomie

## **Northwest KS Education Service Center (NKESC)**

Oakley, KS  
785-672-3125  
Counties Served: Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego, Wallace

## **Olathe Head Start**

Olathe, KS  
913-780-7410  
Counties Served: South Johnson

## **Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation: Ben-no-tteh Wigwam (House of the Child)**

Mayetta, KS  
785-966-2707  
Counties Served: Jackson

## **Project Eagle Early Head Start**

Kansas City, KS  
913-281-2648  
Counties Served: Wyandotte

## **Reno County Head Start**

Hutchinson, KS  
620-615-5750  
Counties Served: Reno

## **SEK-CAP**

Girard, KS  
620-724-8204  
Counties Served: Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Elk, Labette, Linn, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson, Woodson

## **Sheldon Head Start**

Topeka, KS  
785-438-4530  
Counties Served: Shawnee

## **Successful Beginnings Wyandotte County Head Start, USD 500 KCKPS**

Kansas City, KS  
913-627-5257  
Counties Served: Wyandotte



**Because every child deserves a chance to thrive**

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