

Head Start Services for Families of Ashtabula County



NOW OFFERING

- HOME-BASED OPTION
- CENTER BASED OPTIONS (in Ashtabula only)



Parents

- Head Start is a comprehensive program for children 3-5 years old. We honor parents as the first and most important teacher for every child. We assist parents in identifying and securing continuing education, training and employment opportunities. We encourage parents to grow and meet their own goals through our parent involvement and professional development.

Parents



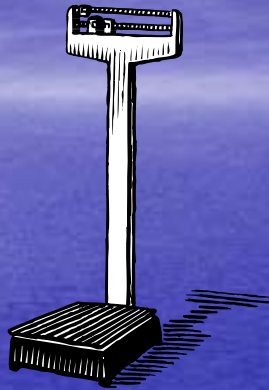
Healthy Children

- Because healthy children learn faster and better, our standards state that all children need a healthcheck exam, dental exam and up-to-date shot record.
- We are mandated to provide developmental screenings, vision screenings, hearing screenings, and heights and weights within 45 days of entry in the program.
- We have a mental health professional that observes each group of children and meets with parents and staff if there are special needs.
- We complete a nutrition screening on each child and provide dietician approved snacks and meals.

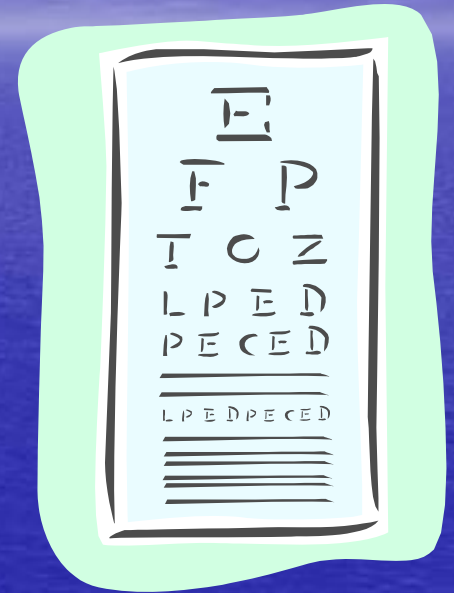
Healthy Children



DENTAL



HEIGHT &
WEIGHTS



VISION

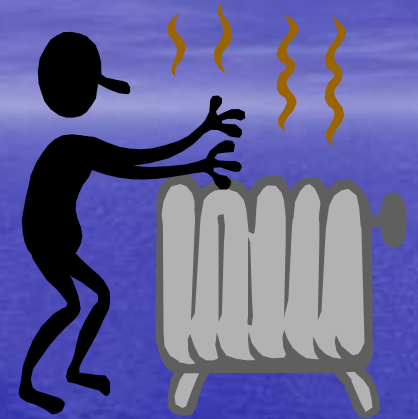


HEARING

Social Services

- We provide social services to families, by referring them to agencies that can assist the family or by being an advocate.
- We work with children with special needs by providing needed therapies and referring them to their Local Education Agency.

Social Services



Support for Parents

- Home-Based Option
 - Monthly Parent Meeting during clusters
 - Monthly Policy Council
- Center-Based Option
 - Monthly Parent Meeting in evening at the site
 - Monthly Policy Council
 - Parent/Teacher conferences in November and March

Support for Parents



Transportation

Transportation is the backbone of our program because we depend upon it for getting children to class and taking them to speech, dental appointments, field trips or wherever they might go.

– Home-based Option

- Cluster Assistant /Drivers
- Individual Routes

– Center-based Option

- Bus Driver/Bus Aide
- Routes based on where they live

– Speech

- Vans for transporting to and from speech each week.



Transportation



Socialization for Children

- Home-Based Option

- Each home based family receives a weekly home visit for 1 ½ hours.
- Weekly cluster for 3.5 hours.

- Center Based Option

- Each child enrolled will attend the center 4 days a week for 3.5 hours Monday-Thursday A.M or P.M.
- Each family receives a 1 ½ hour home visit twice a year.



Socialization for Children



Home Based



In the Cluster



Eligibility

- To be eligible for Head Start services, a child must be:
 - Age eligible
 - 100% poverty level (OWF/SSI)
 - Homeless
 - Diagnosed disability
 - 10% over income
 - Funded for 371 children
 - Robust waiting list



Head Start

“People helping People”

