

## HEAD START HELPS FAMILIES!

- Head Start programs offer a variety of support services for your family, while providing a sense of belonging. In addition to educational services for children, workshops are available on topics such as child development, job training, health and nutrition, and locating other resources in your community.
- The Head Start staff can provide assistance to family members interested in obtaining a high school General Equivalency Diploma (GED) and other adult education opportunities. We can also provide referrals for job training, and other emergency services such as food and heating assistance, or health and dental care.



## SERVING

### NORTHERN RI

Burrillville  
Foster  
Glocester  
Johnston  
North Providence  
North Smithfield  
Scituate  
Smithfield

### SOUTHERN RI

Block Island  
Charlestown  
Exeter  
Hopkinton  
North Kingstown  
Narragansett  
Richmond  
South Kingstown  
Westerly

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## Head Start Program

Offering children and families a  
head start in learning!



# What can Head Start offer your child?

Head Start provides children with early education experiences that increase their school readiness skills and prepare them for their next level of learning.

In addition to classroom instruction, children receive medical and dental screenings, are served healthy meals and snacks, and enjoy learning in a safe, accepting and supportive environment.

We make learning fun!

We actively recruit and service children with special needs as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) of 1992.



## ABOUT US

Head Start is a federal early education program for income eligible families with children from 3 to 5 years of age. Children and families who participate in Head Start are offered a variety of services that promote cognitive, language and social-emotional development of the child.

The Head Start Staff recognize that as parents, you are your child's most influential teacher! Your engagement in all aspects of the program is crucial to your child's success. We welcome your input!

## HEAD START PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- **Family Engagement**
- **Education**
- **Family Development and Support**
- **Health**
- **Nutrition**
- **Special Needs Services**

## CLASSROOM PROGRAM

In the Head Start classroom, teachers and teacher assistants provide various educational experiences that will begin to prepare the children for a successful transition to kindergarten. The environment is bright, welcoming, safe, and reflects the individual needs of the children. Tri-County Head Start programs use the Creative Curriculum to guide instruction.

## OPTIONS FOR EVERY FAMILY

Children attend the center up to 5 days per week, for a minimum of 3.5 hours per day. Some classrooms offer a full-day, 6 hour option. Tri-County Head Start participates in the CACFP Program and provides meals to students at no charge to parents.

Head Start programs promote children's development through services that support early learning, health, and family well-being.