



# Head Start & Early Head Start

**NO COST Preschool, Infant, Toddler & Pregnancy Services**

Head Start and Early Head Start provide FREE learning and development services to pregnant women and children ages birth to five.

**Contact us to determine which program option and location will best meet your family's needs. 740-258-6117**



Pregnant Mom



Infant



Toddler



Preschool



## Why get involved?

Research shows when families involve their young children in daily learning by talking with them, playing with them, and reading to them from birth, children have:

- Higher literacy skills
- Stronger connections in their brains
  - Better peer interactions
  - Fewer behavior problems
- Greater motivation and persistence during learning activities
- Enhanced speech & language which leads to better reading skills.

In other words, children whose families involve them in learning at home are more successful in school and in life!

## What services are offered?

Head Start and Early Head Start offer a variety of program options in Delaware, Licking and Union Counties.

Center Base offers preschool services for children ages 3 – 5 in a classroom setting. Children receive nutritious meals during class times. Days and times vary per site.

Home Visiting services are available for pregnant women, infants, toddlers and preschoolers. A Home Visitor comes to the home once a week and works with the parent as the child's primary teacher. Children and families who receive Home Based services also have the opportunity to meet twice monthly with other enrolled families for a group learning experience that's facilitated by Head Start and Early Head Start staff.

## Is my family eligible?

In general, eligibility is based on family income at or below the federal poverty level. Families with other situations including homelessness, children in foster care, receiving SSI or TANF are also eligible, as well as over-income families. It is very important to contact LEADS to find out about requirements for enrolling your child.

## How do I apply?

Contact the location nearest you:

### Delaware County

Delaware Center  
607 Sunbury Road, Delaware  
740-363-8810 or  
740-369-7473

### Licking County

Newark Center  
986 East Main Street, Newark  
740-345-6415

Pataskala Center  
12536 Adams Lane SW, Pataskala  
740-209-5023

161 Wilson Street, Newark (EHS)  
740-345-8827

Utica Center  
308 North Main Street, Utica  
740-892-4196

### Union County

Marysville Center  
111 Morey Drive, Marysville  
937-642-1230 or  
740-369-7473

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