

Eligibility into the programs is based on the income guidelines below, as well as other qualifying factors. Participants accepted into the program are ages zero to five at the time of enrollment. All foster children are eligible for the programs. Families must also live within Mercer or Summers County to be eligible. As many factors as possible are taken into account when determining eligibility, but due to a limited number of openings, some families may be placed on a waiting list until space is available.

Head Start Family Income Guidelines for 2015

Family Size	Income (Before taxes)
	\$11,770
	\$15,930
	\$20,090
	\$24,250
	\$28,410
For each additional person	\$4,160

In accordance with Policy 2525, Head Start also has Pre-K classrooms available in collaboration with the local school boards. Pre-K services are available both in Mercer and Summers Counties and are open to all residents of these counties.

Limited space is available.

NOTE: Head Start can accept a small number of children who have income above these limits, so if families are interested, but are slightly above the income guidelines, they may still be able to participate.


For more information contact the program office near you!

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HEAD START SITES



Thorn Center
205 Thorn Street
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 487-1240

Talcott Elementary
Rt.3 Box 140
Talcott, WV 24981

Bluefield Ave Center
Bluefield Ave.
Bluefield, WV 24715
(304) 327-7010

Hinton Area Elm
121 Park Avenue
Hinton, WV 25951

Kennedy Center
525 Bland Street
Bluefield, WV 24701
(304) 327-3530

CASE WV Summers County Center
101 2nd Street
Hinton, WV 25951

New Hope Center
153 Maple Acres Rd
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 487-5631

Jumping Branch
P.O. Box 430
Hinton, WV 23219

Early Head Start Sites

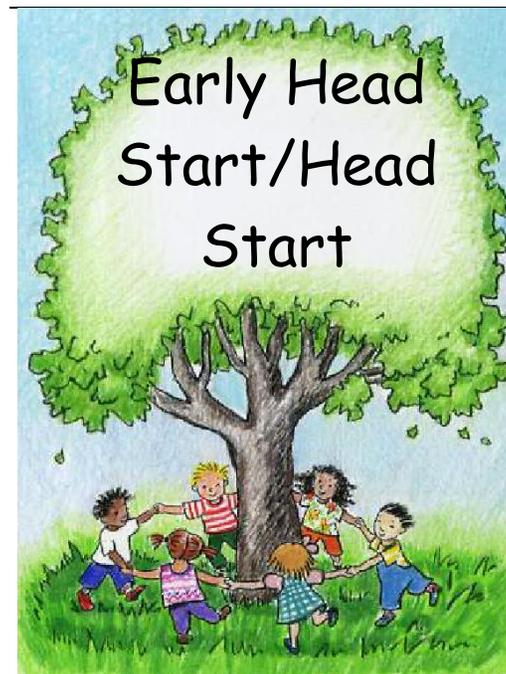
Summers Co
101 2nd St
Hinton WV 25951

Preston Place
321 Preston St
Bluefield WV 24701

New Hope
153 Maple Acres Rd
Princeton WV 24740

Home Base EHS
153 Maple Acres
Princeton WV 24740

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HELPING MEET THE NEEDS OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN INFANTS, TODDLERS AND FAMILIES



Head Start/ Early Head Start is a federally funded program that provides comprehensive developmental services for America's low-income children ages zero to five and social services for their families and Pregnant mothers. The CASE WV Head Start/Early Head Start program serves 389 families in Mercer and Summers counties. The program has nine centers and with twenty-five classrooms. Services are offered in the home, as well as in the classroom. Eligibility for both programs are determined by the child's age and the family's income. Priority is determined by those whose income falls within the national poverty guidelines. In Head Start priority is given to children who will be eligible for kindergarten the following fall. Specific services for children focus on education, family services, health, and parent engagement.

EDUCATION



The educational program is a series of experiences designed to meet the individual needs of each child, to assist parents in understanding ways of helping children develop and learn, and to enhance school readiness. Every child receives a variety of learning experiences to foster intellectual, physical, social, and emotional growth.



FAMILY SERVICES

The primary goal of Family Services is to link families and related community resources. This is accomplished by partnering with families to see that they receive the services to which they are entitled through referrals to community resources. Family Service Advocates work in the community to improve existing services and resources and to create new ones.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT

An essential part of Head Start/ Early Head Start is the involvement of parents in parent education, program planning, and operating activities. Parent involvement is encouraged in all aspects of the program, from assisting in the classroom to making decisions about program policies and activities. Many parents serve as members of policy councils and committees and have a voice in administrative and managerial decisions. Participation in classes and workshops on child development as well staff visits to the home allow parents to learn about their children and about educational activities that can take place at home.



HEALTH-DISABILITIES

Head Start emphasizes the importance of the early identification of health problems. Every child is involved in a comprehensive health program which includes immunizations, medical, dental, mental health, and nutritional services. Ten percent of total enrollment slots are made available to children with disabilities. Children with disabilities are enrolled in the program and services are provided as outlined in the child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP/IFSP) through collaboration with the local school board and Birth to Three.

NUTRITION

The Head Start/ Early Head Start children are given two nourishing meals that consist of a hot breakfast and lunch. A nutritionist is available to the staff and workshops presented to parents and staff members to identify and provide for the nutritional needs of the children. Formula and diapers will be available for infants

MEDICAL AND DENTAL



Each child enrolled in Head Start/ Early Head Start is required to have a complete physical examination, as well as a dental exam that includes a fluoride treatment. Immunizations are tracked and monitored to ensure all children are up-to-date. A Health Coordinator assists families with health concerns and links them with resources needed.



MENTAL HEALTH

A mental health professional is available to provide psychological services to children and their families to meet their emotional and developmental needs. Training is provided for parents and staff to increase awareness of special support that may be needed.



Transportation Services

Transportation services are available to all Head Start children.

No transportation is provided for Early Head Start children.



Expectant Mothers

Early Head Start will provide Home Based Services to expectant mothers preparing and educating them for delivery of their child. Early Head Start will also provide services to the mother and her newborn