Eligibility & Enrollment

Since 1977, New Castle County Head Start, Inc. has provided early education programs to children at no cost to families. The program is funded through grants from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Delaware Department of Education, community partners and private donors.

Eligibility for Head Start programs is based on age, family income and categorical eligibility, e.g., homelessness or foster care. The program allocates a majority of enrollment spaces to families whose incomes fall at or below the federal poverty guideline.

All interested families should contact the Administrative Office at (302) 452-1500 to schedule an enrollment appointment or visit www.ncchs.org to begin an online application.

Center Locations

Absalom Jones
310 Kiamensi Road
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 999-8480

Bear
931 Corbitt Road
Bear, DE 19701
(302) 832-2212

Claymont
3301 Green Street
Claymont, DE 19703
(302) 792-9065

Early Head Start
1 Bassett Avenue
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 395-9677

Lambson
19 Lambson Lane
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 655-5070

Manor Park
1 Bassett Avenue
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-9454

Marshallton
310 Kiamensi Road
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 225-3790

Rose Hill
19 Lambson Lane
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 654-9995

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"Give your child a Head Start"

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Providing quality early childhood education programs for pregnant women and children ages birth to 5 years at no cost to families in New Castle County, Delaware

EARLY HEAD START

Pregnant women and children ages birth to 3 years

- Home-based program serving pregnant women and children ages birth to 3 years
- Promotes parents' ability to support the child's physical, cognitive, social and emotional development
- Weekly child-focused learning activities following individualized educational plans
- Group socialization opportunities
- Nationally approved curriculum
- Developmental, medical, dental, vision and hearing screenings

HEAD START

Children ages 3 to 5 years

- Center-based program serving children ages 3 to 5 years
- Part-day, full day and summer program options
- Promotes the child's physical, cognitive, social and emotional development in preparation for kindergarten and beyond
- Nationally approved curriculum
- Low student to teacher ratio in the classroom
- Two balanced meals provided per day
- Transportation provided where possible
- Developmental, medical, dental, vision and hearing screenings

HEAD START DIFFERENCE

New Castle County Head Start, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization devoted to promoting the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 years from income eligible families. The program provides excellence in early childhood education and supportive services to help families achieve self-sufficiency.

DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Head Start embraces diversity and welcomes children and families of all backgrounds and abilities including those with special needs.

HIGHLY TRAINED STAFF

Credentialed teachers and staff members carefully assess and track each child's developmental progress and create individualized lesson plans to promote each child's development.

SERVICES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

New Castle County Head Start, Inc. offers parents support services including continuing education and employment trainings, parenting skills workshops and emergency assistance services. New Castle County Head Start, Inc. participates in the Adult Food Care Program.

PLAN FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

Head Start teachers and staff members work closely with students, and their families, to help them gain the skills needed for long-term success in school - both academically and socially.