

Head Start

WHAT:

Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program that is designed to prepare children for entry into the elementary school system.

The program serves three to four year olds whose families' incomes meet the federal poverty guidelines.

When:

The program follows the local public schools calendar year, which is usually Mid August through May.

How:

Entry into the program is by application (March through the beginning of August). Because of the great demand for Head Start Services, it is best to apply as soon as possible. To apply or to receive additional information, contact your local Head Start Program

Central Office
ECKAN Head Start
P.O. Box 40
1320 S. Ash
Ottawa, KS 66067
866-242-5481
Fax 785-242-7958

HEAD START CENTERS

Community Children's Center
925 Vermont
Lawrence, KS 66044
785-842-2515

Emporia HS
Maynard School
19 Constitution
Emporia, KS 66801
620-341-2260

Osage Co. HS
104 S. 4th
P.O. Box 177
Carbondale, KS 66414
785-836-7175

Osawatomie HS
Swenson Early Childhood
Education Center
608 10th St.
Osawatomie, KS 66064
913-755-2018

Ottawa Head Start
225 E. 2nd
Ottawa, KS 66067
785-242-4405

Paola Head Start
302 N. Oak
Paola, KS 66071
913-294-4880

Franklin Co. Head Start
Home Based
785-242-5481

Coffey Co. Head Start
Home Based
620-364-8223
Or 620-203-0718

Anderson Co. HS
P.O. Box 424
707 Queens Highway
Garnett, KS 66032
785-448-2815

ECKAN Early HS
616 Merchant
P.O. Box 1625
Emporia, KS 66801
620-342-2304

Pomona Head Start
Pomona Middle School
331 East D Street
Pomona, KS 66076
785-566-9729

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Head Start has not only given my child a head start in life,
but it has given me a head start as well. - Head Start Parent

ECKAN:

East Central Economic Opportunity Corporation (ECKAN), a community action agency, has been in existence since 1966, serving low income persons in Anderson, Coffey, Douglas, Franklin, Lyon, Miami, and Osage Counties.

As America moves toward the twenty-first century, ECKAN also moves with it in continuing to lessen the effects of poverty. To this end, federal funding is received from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to operate the Head Start Program.

HEAD START:

Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program for low-income families. It has served more than 13 million children nation wide since it first began in 1965. ECKAN has provided Head Start services to the area since 1966

Designed to prepare children for entry into the elementary school system, Head Start fosters a supportive relationship between children, parents, and staff by stressing mutual respect and positive self-esteem.

Because parents are the most important influence on a child's development, parents are included in all aspects of the program as direct participants and decision-makers.

Services:

The school year generally follows the school

district's calendar. The Head Start program provides services in five major areas:

Education: The program stresses the development of positive self-esteem and social interaction. Children receive various learning experiences designed to foster intellectual, social and emotional growth.

Health: Emphasis is placed on the importance of the early identification of health problems. Upon entering the program children are screened for medical and dental problems as well as developmental. Parents are assisted with correcting any problems discovered during screenings, and parents are provided with health and safety training.

Nutrition: Healthy and nutritious meals are served in family setting, and the children regularly participate in cooking activities within the classroom. Parents and children are also taught the importance of good nutrition.

Family Service: Family Service Workers work with parents to help identify and solve problems that might adversely affect there children.

Parent Involvement: Parents are provided with opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom, to help with their child's development. In addition, parents play and important roll in the decision making process by serving on the Parents Committee.

Special Needs:

Ten percent of the enrollment slots are set aside for children with special needs. The program fosters and atmosphere of inclusion in its classrooms and cooperates with local schools and health agencies to meet the special needs of children with disabilities.

Information:

For additional information, contact your local Head Start program: Lawrence (Douglas Co.), Ottawa (Franklin Co.), Emporia (Lyon Co.), Osawatomie and Paola (Miami Co.), Carbondale (Osage Co.), Burlington (Coffey Co.), Garnett (Anderson Co.)