

Frequently asked questions

- **What is Head Start/Early Head Start?**

Head Start/Early Head Start are federally funded free programs for families that qualify. Head Start is an equal opportunity program and does not discriminate against race, religion, or gender. Davis/Morgan/Summit Head Start/Early Head Start does not deny placement on the basis of a disability or its severity to any child. All programs include disability services. We do not provide transportation to students; however, we can provide transportation support. There are four different programs based on the child's age.

1. *Head Start*: children are 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1st, 4 days a week-4 hrs a day OR 5 days a week-6.75 hours per day Monday – Thursday, 4.75 hours on Fridays (matching elementary school times). Parent involvement, but children attend by themselves.
2. *Early Head Start*: infants/toddlers (0-3 years old), weekly 1 ½ hr teacher home visit and regularly scheduled socializations. Parent participates in teacher home visit and attends socializations with child.
3. *Full-Day Variation Head Start/Early Head Start*: children 0-3 years attend Early Head Start, children 3-4 years attend Head Start, available 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. Parent attending educational program or working (minimum 6 hrs a day).

- **How do I qualify and who determines which children get into the program?**

The federal government determines who gets first priority in receiving services in Head Start and Early Head Start. Federal income guidelines are based on family size and yearly income. Qualifying children enrolled the previous school year in Head Start/Early Head Start, foster children, homeless children, children with disabilities who income qualify, and families receiving cash assistance are given first priority. If your child is **age and income eligible**, your chances are very good; **but we cannot guarantee your child will get in. We maintain a wait list throughout the year!** The program **IS NOT** first-come first-served, but the sooner you **complete your registration** the better, as first selections are made early in the summer. Government regulations require service be given to those in the community with the highest need. Family need is assessed by the information provided during the application process.

- **Once I complete my child's application what happens next?**

When you have completed your application, a Family Service Worker will inform you if your child is income eligible or over-income. Your child's application will then be placed on the income eligible or over-income wait-list for the appropriate site and option as determined by Davis/Morgan/Summit Head Start/Early Head Start program staff.

- **When will I hear if my child has been accepted?**

Registrations completed between mid-April and mid-August will be evaluated for child placement throughout the registration period. You will be notified by E-mail, letter or phone call if your child has been accepted into a class or placed on a wait list. Please notify us if your address or phone number changes. Early Head Start and Full-Day applicants are notified by the beginning of August and classes start the end of August. Head Start applicants are notified by the end of August and classes start the beginning of September. Registrations completed after school starts will be evaluated as openings occur and the family will be notified if accepted to fill the opening.

- **If my child is put on the wait list, will he/she get into the program?**

Your child will remain on the wait list until there is an opening. When there is an opening in a classroom, a child is selected based on the income guidelines and family need. Children on the wait list will be informed of and invited to ongoing program activities.

- **What if I move after I submit my application?**

It is important to notify us as soon as possible when there is a change in address and/or phone number. Please call us at 801-402-0650.

- **What if my income changes after I submit my application?**

Income eligibility is determined at the application date. Income eligibility is considered based on the family's current, specific situation. Please notify us if there is a decrease in family income.

- **Where do I find more information about Davis/Morgan/Summit Head Start Program?**

<https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/academics/early-childhood/head-startearly-head-start-and-title-i-preschool>

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