

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is Head Start / Early Head Start / Title I Preschool?**
 - The Head Start / Early Head Start programs are free, federally funded preschool programs for children, ages 0-5, who meet federal qualifications. Title I is a similar preschool program for children who turn 4 by December 31st of the relevant school year and typically do not qualify for Head Start guidelines. Title I applicants must also live within the boundaries of a Title I school. Classroom times vary depending on the program selected but options may include part day and full day classrooms.
- **How do I qualify for Head Start / Early Head Start?**
 - Qualification for the program is based on your child's age and federal income guidelines which are determined by family size and yearly income. Children experiencing homelessness, are in foster care, have a disability or whose families are receiving TANF or Supplemental Security Income (cash assistance) are also given priority in the program.
- **How do I qualify for Title I preschool?**
 - Title I applicants follow a similar application process to Head Start program applicants. However, there is no family income limit to qualify for the Title I preschool program. Applicants for the Title I program must live within the boundaries of a Title I school and must turn 4 by December 31st of the relevant school year.
- **If my child is on the waitlist, will they get into the program?**
 - Your child will remain on the waitlist until there is an opening. If your child is age and income eligible, your chances are very good; **but we cannot guarantee your child will get in.** However, we do 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.
- **When will I hear if my child has been accepted?**
 - Families will be notified by phone call or email if your child is accepted into the program. Applicants who are accepted for the beginning of the school year will be notified by August. Children who are accepted later in the year will be notified based on availability of spots.
- **When do classes start and can we still apply if the school year has already started?**
 - Our school schedule aligns closely with that of Davis School District. Most classes begin at the end of August or first part of September and end in May. We have open enrollment and accept children throughout the school year when spots are available.
- **How much does it cost to attend Head Start?**
 - Nothing! Our preschool classes are federally funded for those children who qualify for the program.
- **Does Head Start / Early Head Start/Title I accept children with disabilities or special needs?**
 - Yes! In fact, our programs ensure that no less than 10% of slots in the program are reserved for children with disabilities who are eligible for special education and related services.