

Chippewa Luce and Mackinac County

Early Learning Opportunities Guide

**"ALL CHILDREN WILL BEGIN KINDERGARTEN SAFE, HEALTHY, AND READY TO
SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND LIFE."**



About this Booklet



This booklet is a resource for parents and community partners that outlines the early childhood preschool programs for children in Chippewa, Mackinac, and Luce counties. This booklet provides readers with specific program information, contact information, and is divided by county.

If you have any questions about the information in this booklet, please call the EUPISD at 906-259-8031

Information is subject to change, please contact preschools directly for more information



EARLY HEAD START

Early Head Start provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to pregnant women and families with children under three years of age.

Early Head Start Programs are targeted for pregnant mothers and children birth to 3 years of age. Early Head Start will enhance and advance each child's development that supports the unique characteristics of infant and toddler physical, social, emotional, and cognitive growth.

The program will empower parents in goal setting for themselves and for their children. The program will ensure a comprehensive network of services and support for young children and their families.

Center and home-based options are available.



GREAT START READINESS PROGRAMS (GSRP)

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is funded by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). GSRP is a preschool program for four-year old children who may be "at risk" of school failure. This program allows children who qualify an opportunity to receive a high-quality preschool experience who may not otherwise have the chance.

The GSRP is Michigan's state-funded preschool program for four-year-old children with factors which may place them at risk of educational failure. The program is administered by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start. Research on preschool programs and specific research on GSRP indicates that children provided with a high-quality preschool experience show significant positive developmental differences when compared to children from the same backgrounds who did not attend a high-quality preschool program.

To strengthen learning at home and strengthen positive child outcomes, programs must provide for active and continuous involvement of parents in the learning process. Depending on income level, parents may be required to pay tuition, but parents are never charged additional fees for program elements such as transportation or meal service. Through advisory committees, parents assist to evaluate and make recommendations about the program.

For more information regarding GSRP Preschool, contact:

Cara LaFaver

clafaver@eupschools.org

HEAD START

Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. They engage parents in their child's learning and help them in making progress toward their educational, literacy and employment goals. Significant emphasis is placed on the engagement of parents in the administration of local Head Start programs.

WHAT CAN A HEAD START PROGRAM OFFER YOUR CHILD?

Head Start provides children with activities that help them develop School Readiness Skills that include cognitive, social emotional, gross and fine motor skills as well as activities that encourage independence (self-help skills). The Head Start Staff recognize that, as parents, you are the first and most important teachers of your children. They welcome your involvement in Head Start activities, and will work as partners with you to help your child progress.

Head Start Staff are Qualified Early Child Development Professionals who use the High/Scope Curriculum (Active Learning) to offer your child the opportunity to learn through developmentally appropriate play and exploration and help them prepare for the next school placement. Head Start children socialize with others, problem solve and work on conflict/resolution skills. The children also improve their listening and speaking skills.

The children spend their time in stimulating settings where they are encouraged to form good health/nutrition habits. They are provided nutritious meals and snacks and are able to play outside whenever possible. They periodically take educational field trips to various areas in their communities. Your child will leave Head Start more prepared for Kindergarten, excited about learning, and ready to succeed.

Family Services Workers are able to work with families to assist in family goal setting and coordinating health, dental and other family services. Referrals to skilled professionals will be made should health concerns arise. Mental Health services and special needs referrals are available for children and families when needed.

The Head Start program provides comprehensive child development services for economically disadvantaged children and families, with a focus on school readiness which includes literacy and math skills that are needed to be successful in school.

TUITION-BASED PRESCHOOL

Tuition-based centers operate as for-profits, independent nonprofits, and programs sponsored by religious organizations. The educational quality of tuition-based programs varies from program to program. Regulation is primarily by state child care agencies, but the arrangement varies from state to state. Tuition-based programs can include care for infants, toddlers, and preschool;-aged children.

GREAT START TO QUALITY

Great Start to Quality assesses the quality of early childhood programs and providers in Michigan. GSQ is Michigan's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). The current model supports licensed child care, preschool, and Out-of-School Time (OST) Only programs with rating and quality improvement. The Quality Indicators are standards used to measure the quality of a program in specific key areas. GSQ strives to help families make informed decisions about child care, and support child care programs as they improve their quality and provide the best care possible for children.

Reflecting On Quality

A new set of quality indicators has been established. Programs who meet this level of quality must use the revised Quality Indicators in the Self-Reflection to highlight program strengths and identify goals for continued improvement.

Enhancing Quality

Programs who meet this level of quality must complete at least one (1) goal in the Quality Improvement plan with a due date. The goal can be based on Self-Reflection, On-Site Observation, or might be unrelated to GSQ.

Enhancing Quality-Validated

Programs who meet this level of quality must complete at least one (1) goal, submit the Self-Reflection, and complete the Validation process. Programs may be waiting to complete an On-Site Observation.

Demonstrating Quality

Programs who meet this level of quality must complete Validation, and meet threshold scores for the On-Site Observation.

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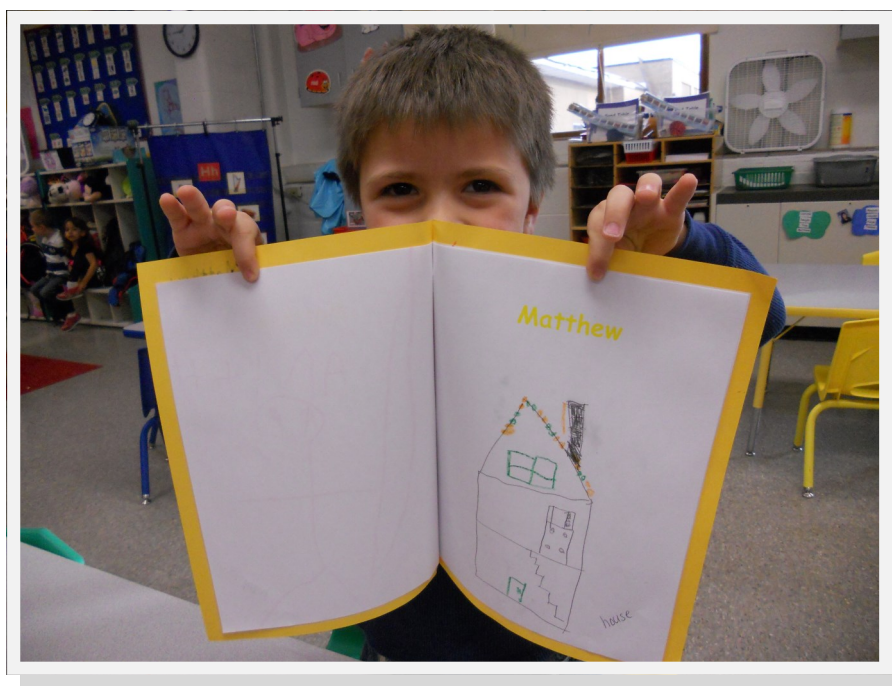
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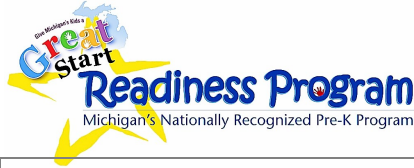
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Great Start Readiness Program Preschools in Chippewa County



Months of Operation: September - June (unless noted)

Priority Given to Income Eligible Families

Must be 4 Years Old

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<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
Pickford GSRP	Pickford Elementary School 333 S. Pleasant Pickford, MI 906-647-6285	Monday– Friday 8:05 AM-3:05 PM
Rudyard GSRP	Rudyard Elementary School 11185 W. Second St, P.O. Box 246 Rudyard, MI 906-478-3771	Monday– Thursday 8:00 AM– 3:10 PM
Soo Township GSRP	Sault Early Learning Center 5788 S. M-129 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 906- 635-6630	Monday– Friday 8:30 AM– 3:30 PM Extended Care Available 7:30 AM—5:15 PM (Fee)
Sault Ste. Marie GSRP	Ronald J. Calery Community Center 524 Ashmun Street Sault Ste. Marie, MI 906-632-3363	Monday– Thursday 8:00 AM—3:00PM
Brimley GSRP	Brimley Elementary School 7134 M 221 Brimley, MI (906) 248-3219	Monday—Thursday 8:05 AM - 3:20 PM
DeTour GSRP	DeTour Area Schools 29935 E Pine Street DeTour, MI (906) 297-2011 ext 214	Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00pm

For more information regarding GSRP Preschool, contact phone numbers listed under location

CLMCAA PRESCHOOL (Age 3-5) CHIPPEWA COUNTY



Months of Operation: September - June (unless noted)

Priority given to income eligible families

Transportation provided in many areas. Meals and snacks provided at no cost.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
Algonquin Head Start	2307 Andary Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783	Monday– Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM
Brimley Head Start	Brimley Area Schools 7134 S. M-221 Brimley, MI	Monday– Thursday 8:05 AM– 3:20 PM
Drummond Island Head Start	Drummond Island Township Hall 29935 E. Pine Street, PO Box 225 Drummond Island, MI	Monday– Thursday 8:10 AM– 3:25 PM

For more information regarding CLMCAA Preschool, contact:

Stacie Feltis

sfeltis@clmcaa.com or (906)632-3363

CLMCAA PRESCHOOL: Chippewa County (Continued)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
Soo Township (Rockets) Head Start	Soo Township School Sault Early Learning Center 5788 M-129, SSM MI	Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-3:15PM (through first week of June)
Kinross Head Start	4730 Osborn Blvd. Kincheloe, MI	Monday– Thursday 7:45AM-3:00 PM (through June) 8:45AM-4:00PM (through June)
Sault Ste. Marie Head Start	Ronald J Calery Community Center 524 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI	<u>Sault West</u> Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-3:15PM (through June) <u>Sault North</u> Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM– 4:15 PM (through June)
Strong Beginnings (3-year-old preschool)	Soo Township Elementary 5788 S M-129, SSM MI	Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3:30PM (through May)
Strong Beginnings (3-year-old preschool)	Rudyard Elementary 11185 W 2 nd . St Rudyard MI	Monday-Thursday 8:00AM-3:00PM (through May)

For more information regarding CLMCAA Preschool, contact:

Stacie Feltis

sfeltis@clmcaa.com or (906)632-3363

CLMCAA Ages 0-3 Programming in Chippewa County

<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
First Years (Early Head Start)	Avery Square 510 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI	Open Year Round Monday– Friday 7:30 AM-5:30 PM
Kinross Home-Based Early Head Start	Offices located: Kinross Rec Center 43 Wood Lake Kincheloe MI	Open Year Round Home Based provides one 90-minute home visit per week, and two socialization opportunities per month



For more information regarding CLMCAA Preschool, contact:

Stacie Feltis

sfeltis@clmcaa.com or (906)632-3363

Inter-Tribal Council of MI Inc.

Bay Mills Child Development Center



Bay Mills Early Head Start and Head Start promotes school readiness skills among children and engages parents in their child's learning.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Hours of Operation:

Head Start

Sept-July

Monday-Friday

8:00AM-2:00PM

Closes Fridays at 11:30

Hours of Operation:

Early Head Start

Sept-July

Monday-Friday

7:45AM-2:00PM

Closes Fridays at 11:30

Location:

12471 W.

Lakeshore Drive

Brimley, MI 49715

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Early Head Start serves pregnant women, infants, and toddlers

Head Start serves 3 and 4 year old children

Preference given to Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Members

Income guidelines are set by the Office of Head Start

Center provides breakfast, lunch and snacks

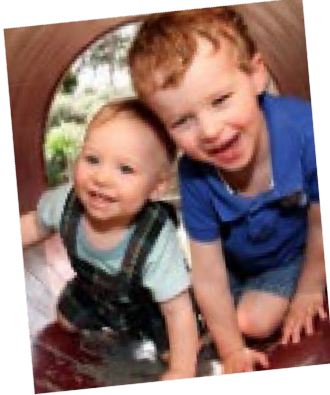
Creative Curriculum is utilized

For more information regarding The Bay Mills Child Development Center contact:

Andrea Shaw

andrea.shaw@itcml.org

906-248-8700



EUPISD Early Learning Centers

Accepts child care subsidies (CDC, Tribal, Department of Defense)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
Sault Early Learning Center Infant-Toddler Program (ages 0-3)	Soo Township Elementary 5788 S M-129, SSM	Monday-Friday 7:30AM-5:15PM
Sault Early Learning Center Preschool Program (3-4 year old)	Soo Township Elementary 5788 S M-129, SSM	Monday-Friday 7:30AM-5:15PM
EUP Early Learning Center Infant Toddler Program (ages 0-3)	15901 Country Club Drive, Kincheloe, MI	Monday-Friday 7:30AM-5:15PM

TUITION AND FEES

Infant Toddler Classroom: \$48 per day (220 days per year)

\$75 annual registration fee

Soo Early Learning Centers: \$32 per day (220 days per year)

Accepts all types of childcare subsidies

Offering three full time programs; school year, summer only, and year round

For more information regarding Soo Early Learning Center, contact:

Katie Lohff

klohff@eupschools.org

(906)632-3373 ext. 5197

Little Lambs Early Childhood Center

Location:

615 Washington Way
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Hours of Operation:

School Year Calendar
Monday-Friday
8:00AM—4:00PM



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Age of enrollment must be between 33 months and 5 years 11 months.

Must be toilet trained.

TUITION AND FEES

\$75.00 registration fee

Full Day

8:00AM-4:00PM \$159.50 per week

7:30AM-5:00PM \$194.50 per week

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Accepts all types of childcare subsidies

We are a Christ-centered preschool program with a strong focus on social emotional and play-based learning

For more information regarding Little Lambs Early Childhood Center contact:

Kendra Lund

immanuelssm.littlelambs@gmail.com

906-632-2640

Sault Cooperative Preschool

Months of Operation:

September - May

Location:

1606 Seymour St., SSM MI

PROGRAM INFORMATION

5-day all day program: Monday-Friday 7:30AM - 5:15PM

5- day half day program: Monday-Friday 9:00AM - 12:00PM

3-day all day program: Tuesday-Thursday 7:30AM - 5:15 PM

3-day half-day program: Tuesday-Thursday 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Parent provided snack—Certified and professionally accredited staff

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All children must be at least 33 months old and fully potty trained.

TUITION AND FEES

Monthly tuition rates, cooperative and non-cooperative rates available. The cooperative rate is available for families who commit to volunteer 25 hours of time throughout the year. Please contact for more details



For more information, contact
Sault Cooperative Preschool

1606 Seymour St. P.O. Box 205
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

906-632-9761



St. Mary's Montessori Preschool

Location: 360 Maple St. SSM,

PROGRAM INFORMATION/TUITION

\$150.00 Registration Fee

\$3,754 per year or 10 monthly payments of \$375.40 for full day

8:00AM-3:00PM

\$2772 per year or 10 monthly payments \$277.20 for half day

8:00AM-11:30AM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lunch not provided

Parent provides snack

Faith-based education

Montessori qualified teacher

Licensed by the State of Michigan

Warm & loving family atmosphere

Individualized with small class sizes



For more information regarding the St. Mary's Preschool, contact:

Maria Farney

Mfarney-stm@eupschools.org 906-635-6141

www.stmarysup.org



Superior Start

The School Readiness Program

Superior Start provides a developmentally appropriate program in a safe and nurturing environment, which promotes social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth. Our goals foster a positive self-concept and develop socialization and school readiness skills

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

Year Round

7:30AM-5:15PM

Location:

LSSU Campus

943 Campus Court

Sault Ste. Marie, MI

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

3 & 4 year old program, 3 by Sept 1st

TUITION AND FEES

\$75.00 Registration Fee

\$32 per day (220 days per year)

Accepts child care subsidies (CDC, Tribal, Department of Defense)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Superior Start is operated in partnership with the EUP Intermediate School District and Lake Superior State University. Superior Start utilizes research-based and comprehensive curricula that addresses all facets of early childhood development.

For more information regarding Superior Start, contact

Katie Lohff

klohff@eupschools.org or (906)632-3373 ext. 5197

Sault Tribe Early Childhood Programs



Child Care Center

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Location:

4 Ice Circle

Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Hours of Operation:

Open Year Round

Monday-Friday

6:45 AM-5:30 PM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Age: For children 0-5 years of age

Priority given to income eligible families

Priority given to members of federally recognized Tribe

TUITION AND FEES

\$20.00 registration fee for Child Care Center

0-3 hours is \$13.00, 3-5 hours is \$20.00

Over 5 hours \$37.50 (if child is under 2 1/2)

Over 5 hours \$35.00 (if child is over 2 1/2)

Sibling Rate Applied

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Creative Curriculum used

Full Day/ Full Year Program

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks

Provided

Contact Information:

Dawn Fegan

dfegan@saulttribe.net

906-632-5258

Sault Tribe Early Childhood Programs



Early Head Start

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Location:

4 Ice Circle

Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Hours of Operation:

Open Year Round

Monday-Friday

7:30 AM-5:30 PM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Age: 0-3 years old

Priority given to income eligible families

Priority given to members of federally recognized tribe

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Creative Curriculum used

Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks Provided

For more information regarding Sault Tribe Preschools, contact:

Laura McKechnie

lmckechnie@saulttribe.net

906-635-7722

Sault Tribe Early Childhood Programs



Head Start

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Location:

4 Ice Circle
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Hours of Operation:

Open September-May
Monday-Thursday
8:00 AM-3:00PM
OR
10:00AM-2:00PM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Age: Must be 3 years old by October 1st
Priority given to income eligible families
Priority given to members of federally recognized tribe

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Creative Curriculum used
Part Day/ Part Year Services
Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks Provided

For more information regarding Sault Tribe Preschools, contact:

Laura McKechnie

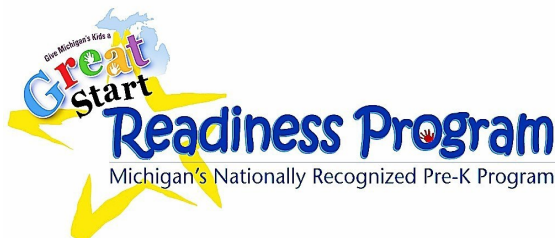
lmckechnie@saulttribe.net 906-635-7722



*"Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."
-Benjamin Franklin*



Great Start Readiness Program Preschools in Luce County



Months of Operation: September – May
Priority given to income eligible families

Must be 4 years old

<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
Newberry	Tahquamenon Area Schools 700 Newberry Ave. Newberry, MI 49868 (906) 293-3282	September-May Monday-Thursday 7:40AM-3:35PM



For more information regarding Newberry GSRP Preschool, contact:

Stephanie Brunell

906-293-3226 ext. 1224

CLMCAA INFANT/TODDLER & PRESCHOOLS IN LUCE COUNTY



Priority given to income eligible families

Transportation provided for Head Start. Meals and snacks provided at no cost.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
Newberry Early Head Start	Luce County Service Center 207 Newberry Ave. Newberry, MI 49868 (906) 293-8032	Operates Year Round Monday– Friday 8:00AM– 4:00PM
Newberry Head Start	Luce County Service Center 207 Newberry Ave. Newberry, MI 49868 (906) 293-8032	Operates Sept.– June Monday– Thursday 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM

For more information regarding CLMCAA Preschool, contact:

Stacie Feltis

sfeltis@clmcaa.com 906-632-3363 ext. 107

www.clmcaa.org

Barker's Tiny Tots

Hours of Operation:

Open Year Round

Closed on Holidays

Monday-Friday
7:00AM-5:30PM

Location:

14126 Co. Rd. 428
(or 14126 Hamilton Lk.)

Newberry, MI

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Accepts DHHS/Tribal subsidy

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS/ TUITION

Tuition: \$190 a week

Accepts ages 0-9 years old



For more information regarding Tiny Tots, please contact:

Sarah Barker

906-630-0886



Great Start Readiness Program in Mackinac County



Months of Operation: September - June (unless noted)

Priority given to income eligible families

<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
Engadine GSRP	Engadine Consolidated Schools W13920 Melville Street Engadine, MI 906-477-6313 ext. 152	Monday– Thursday 7:50 AM– 3:20 PM
Cedarville GSRP	Cedarville Head Start Center 68 Meridian Rd Cedarville, MI (906)632-3363	Monday– Thursday 8:00 AM– 3:15 PM
St. Ignace Area GSRP	St. Ignace Elementary W 429 Portage Rd. St. Ignace, MI (906)643-8145	Monday– Thursday 8:00 AM– 2:45 PM
Three Lakes Academy GSRP	Three Lakes Academy W17540 Main Street PO Box 159 Curtis, MI (906)586-6631	Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

For more information regarding Mackinac GSRPs, contact the number listed under the location.



CLMCAA PRESCHOOLS in MACKINAC COUNTY

Transportation provided in many areas. Meals and snacks provided at no cost.

Months of Operation: September - June

Priority given to income eligible families

<u>Program</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
Cedarville Head Start	Cedarville Head Start Center 68 Meridian Rd Cedarville, MI (906)632-3363	Monday– Thursday 8:00 AM– 3:15 PM
St. Ignace Early Head Start	Fenlon Center 368 Reagan St St. Ignace, MI 49781	Monday–Friday 8:00 AM– 4:00 PM

For more information regarding CLMCAA Preschool, contact:

Stacie Feltis

sfeltis@clmcaa.com

906-632-3363 ext. 107

Sault Tribe Early Childhood Programs



St. Ignace Head Start

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Hours of Operation:

September-May

Monday-Thursday

8:00AM-3:00PM

Location:

225 WaSeh Dr.

St. Ignace, MI

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Age: Must be 3 years old by October 1st

Priority given to income eligible families

Priority given to members of federally recognized Tribe

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Creative Curriculum used

Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks Provided

For more information regarding Sault Tribe Preschools, contact:

Laura McKechnie

lmckechnie@saulttribe.net

906-635-7722

Les Cheneaux Early Learning Center

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Hours of Operation:

7:30AM-5:15PM

Monday-Friday

School Year Only

Location:

Les Cheneaux Community
Schools

298 E M-134 PO Box 336

Cedarville MI

ELIGIBILITY & TUITION

Infant Toddler Classroom Ages 0-3

\$48 per day (220 days per year)

\$75 annual registration fee

Accepts all types of childcare subsidies

Offering three full time programs; school year, summer only, and year round



For more information regarding Superior Start, contact

Katie Lohff

klohff@eupschools.org or (906)632-3373 ext. 5197

Three Lakes Academy Preschool



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Hours of Operation:

7:45AM-3:00PM

Monday-Thursday

School Year Only

Location:

Three Lakes Academy

W17540 Main Street

Curtis, MI

ELIGIBILITY & TUITION

Children must be three by Dec 1st (also accepts 4 year olds)

Two day per week: \$75 per week

Four days per week: \$150 per week

Provides breakfast, lunch, and snack



For more information regarding

Three Lakes Preschool, contact

Kris Nance

(906) 586-6631



Les Cheneaux Preschool

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Hours of Operation:

8:00AM-2:45PM

Monday-Thursday

School Year Only

Location:

Les Cheneaux Community Schools

298 E M-134 PO Box 336

Cedarville MI

ELIGIBILITY & TUITION



Age: Must be 3 or 4 years old

Tuition: \$400 a month

For more information regarding Les Cheneaux Preschool, contact

(906)484-2256

St. Ignace Preschool



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Hours of Operation:

8:00AM-2:45PM

School Year Operation

Monday-Thursday

Location:

St. Ignace School

W4290 Portage

St. Ignace, MI

ELIGIBILITY & TUITION

Preschool option for three year old children

Tuition fees may apply



For more information contact:

Kari Visnaw

(906) 643-8145



Becky Davis Early Learning Scholarship Fund

The expense of childcare is a financial burden for many families living the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The Becky Davis Early Learning Scholarship Fund is available to help meet the needs of children, families, and employers in the community by:

- Making early learning and care programs affordable and accessible to families in need
- Providing young children with safe, quality early learning opportunities
- Supporting businesses and community agencies to keep employees engaged in the workforce by having reliable childcare.

If you are interested in applying for the Becky Davis Early Learning Scholarship, please contact Katie Lohff at klohff@eupschools.org for an application.

Child Care Financial Assistance for Military Families

There are several programs that help military families pay for child care, wherever they are stationed. There are also other child care financial assistance options that military families can consider should those programs have waiting lists.

Active duty service members (including reservists on active orders) may also be eligible to apply for child care fee assistance if they do not have access to on-base child care.

The Department of Defense is also funding a pilot program to provide fee assistance to military families for full-time child care in their own homes.

Visit MilitaryChildCare.com to learn more.

MI TRI-SHARE



Affordable Child Care for Michigan Families

One of the biggest barriers for people seeking to rejoin the workforce is the cost of child care — resulting in more and more parents being left out of the work force. MI Tri-Share, an innovative bipartisan program introduced by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, was created to change all that. Through MI Tri-Share, the cost of an employee's child care is shared equally among the employer, the employee and the State of Michigan — a three-way split — with coordination being provided regionally by a MI Tri-Share facilitator hub. With MI Tri-Share, parents can get back to work knowing that their kids are safe, cared for and have the opportunity to succeed.

When your employer participates in the MI Tri-Share Child Care Program (MI Tri-Share) and you are eligible to participate, you can receive these child care benefits as a parent of a child 0-17

Affordable Care: Three entities share the cost of your child's care. You, your employer, and the State of Michigan. When your employer participates in Tri-Share and you qualify, **your child care cost is reduced by 66%!**

Your Choice of Provider: Any licensed child care provider can be used to provide care for any child age 0-17 with MI Tri-Share. This includes, but is not limited to preschool, childcare, before and after school care, and summer programs.

Convenience: Payment for child care is made directly to your provider through your Tri-Share hub, Marquette-Alger RESA. Your employer will deduct your 1/3 of your child care cost from your earnings to make this payment for you.

Where to Start: Complete the MI Tri-Share Interest Form

What's Next: Once you complete the MI Tri-Share Interest form, your information will be processed for eligibility and we will reach out with the determination. Supports or connections will be extended in either situation.

Eligibility: Eligible employers must be located in the Upper Peninsula. There is no residency requirement for employees or child care providers. Eligible employees will have household income between 201% and 325% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) relative to the number of individuals in the household. A participating employee cannot be eligible for the Child Development and Care Program through MDHHS.

Questions? Reach out to Lyndsay Carey (lcarey@maresa.org or 906.226.5136).



MORE FAMILIES NOW ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR LOW-COST CHILD CARE



NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE?

You may qualify for financial support through the Child Development and Care (CDC) Program if:

- ➔ You have children under 13.
- ➔ You need child care because you're working or going to school.*
- ➔ You have a qualifying income. Your monthly income must be:
 - For a family of 2: <\$3,052
 - For a family of 3: <\$3,838
 - For a family of 4: <\$4,626

*To see a complete list of qualifying needs (including whether your training or education is eligible) and income levels for larger families, visit Michigan.gov/Childcare.

Michigan.gov/mibridges

Need help finding childcare in your area?

Go to GreatStartToQuality.org. Find more information about the CDC program at Michigan.gov/Childcare.

Are you a tribal member? ACFS operates the Child Care and Development (CCDF) Program with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care. The CCDF Program supports low-income working families through child care financial assistance and promotes children's learning by improving the quality of early care, education and after-school programs. Eligibility requirements can be found on the application. For more information, contact CCDF Coordinator, 2218 Shunk Road SSM MI **Phone:** 906-632-5250

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