

What Services Are Offered?

Education

Individualized learning experiences that promote school readiness and foster every child's social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth.

Family Engagement

Specialized family partnerships, goal setting, referrals, and ongoing support. Opportunities to volunteer, learn and practice new skills, and socialize.

Parent Decision Making

Opportunities for parents to participate in program planning and decision making, sharing governance with the STEP Board of Directors.

Health

Promotion of medical and dental examinations, immunizations, comprehensive health screenings, and necessary follow-up services for each child. Promotion of mental health and wellness.

Nutrition

Healthy snacks and lunches that meet USDA standards and nutrition education for children and parents.

Support for Children with Disabilities

Early identification and intervention to support children with disabilities and their inclusion in all program activities.

Transportation

Regular school bus transportation is available on a limited basis. Some classes are located on public bus routes. For a child with an identified disability, transportation may be included in the child's Individualized Family Service Plan or Individualized Education Plan. Field trips are included for preschool classes.



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The Mission of STEP Head Start is to foster hope, growth, self-sufficiency, and social competence in children and their families through partnerships with parents and the community.

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STEP, Inc. is the Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action.

STEP's mission is to engage diverse individuals, families, and communities in the pursuit of social and economic success.

The Head Start program is part of STEP's Early Learning Pathway to Success



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Head Start

Helping children & families succeed in school and in life.



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What Is STEP Head Start?

STEP Head Start programs give children from birth through age five and their families the tools they need to succeed in school and in life at no cost to participants. Highly qualified, trained, and caring staff provide comprehensive services and activities that help children grow educationally, physically, socially, and emotionally. We believe parents are their child's most important teachers. We encourage parent participation in all program activities and partner with parents to help children succeed.

Who Is Eligible For STEP Head Start?

Pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and preschool children, including those with disabilities, are eligible for enrollment. Head Start accepts applications year-round and fills vacancies from its waiting list. While children from low-income families have enrollment priority, children from higher income families may be enrolled as well. Head Start serves Lycoming and Clinton counties.

What Programs Are Available?

Early Head Start

Early Head Start provides early, continuous, and comprehensive year-round child development and family support services to pregnant women, infants, and toddlers, including those with disabilities, and their families.

- **Center-Based Early Head Start**
Infants and toddlers are enrolled in mixed-age group classes in Lock Haven and Williamsport. Teachers and support staff provide individualized care and comprehensive early learning experiences. Classes meet year-round.
- **Home-Based Early Head Start**
Weekly, individualized 90-minute visits in the homes of infants and toddlers and their families in the Williamsport, Jersey Shore, and Lock Haven areas support comprehensive early learning. Regular playgroups are special opportunities for children and families to socialize and learn together.
- **Services to Pregnant Women**
Visits in the homes of pregnant women and their families support positive maternal and child health and wellbeing.

Preschool Head Start

Preschool Head Start provides comprehensive child development, school readiness, and family support services to children three and four years old, including those with disabilities, and their families during the school year.

- **Center-Based Head Start**
Teachers and support staff provide individualized, comprehensive early learning experiences to children in the Lock Haven, Renovo, and Williamsport areas. Classes meet five days a week during the school year.
- **Home-Based Head Start**
Weekly, individualized 90-minute visits in the homes of children and their families support comprehensive early learning. Weekly Family Days give children and families the opportunity to socialize, learn, and practice new skills. Home visitors serve groups of children and families throughout Lycoming and Clinton counties.

PA Pre-K Counts

PA Pre-K Counts provides early learning and school readiness experiences to center-based classes of preschool children in the Lock Haven and Williamsport areas. Classes meet five days a week during the school year.