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# HEAD START PROGRAM

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The early years of childhood are a very important time in a child's overall development. It is a time learning patterns and skills are developing, emotional development is taking place, the child's curiosity is increasing rapidly, and the child is developing into an individual - mentally, physically and emotionally.

Head Start is a comprehensive child development program designed to assist families and children during these developmental years. The program provides for health care services, educational services, special needs services for the enrolled child and most importantly the opportunity for parents to be engaged in the decision making processes that affect their child's readiness for school.

**EDUCATION**

In the sixteen counties that the Head Start Program serves, there are three service options available - a center based program, a home based program, and a combination program.

- **Center-Based Program** - Children attend the center for four hours a day, four days a week. While there, children participate in developmentally appropriate, active learning activities.
- **Home-Based Program** - A home visitor visits the family's home weekly for 1 1/2 hours. During that time, parents set goals they feel are important to their child's development and their family's well-being. Activities done on visits are reflective of the goals set by parents. Children and parents are encouraged to participate in group activities at socializations.
- **Combination Program** - A combination program may be an option for some areas. This option includes attendance by the children at a center setting usually with a public preschool one-three days a week and the teacher does a weekly or bimonthly home visit. The services delivered are the same as each of the home based and center based options. An example of a combination would be for children to attend a classroom setting for 2 days each week for 3 1/2-4 hours each day. The children and families receive two, 1 1/2 hour home visits each month. Services received are the same at each of the home based and center based programs.

**HEAD START DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN ADMISSION TO, ACCESS TO OR OPERATIONS OF ITS PROGRAMS, SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES.**

**Home-based Serves the**

**Following Counties:**

Douglas	Tripp	Aurora
Sanborn	Yankton	Brule
Hanson	Jerauld	Buffalo
McCook	Davison	Hutchinson
Gregory	Lyman	Bon Homme
	Charles Mix	

**Center-based Serves the**

**Following Communities:**

Salem	Chamberlain
Wagner	Lake Andes
Mitchell	Yankton

**Combination:**

Gregory
Parkston
Wessington Springs
Bridgewater
Gayville/Volin

**FROM:**

**PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE**

**SOUTH CENTRAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
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**PARENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Head Start supports parents as nurturers, teachers and advocates for their child; engaging parents and communities in policy making decisions that affect their child's growth and development, and developing and sustaining programs that support parents and families in carrying out their parental responsibilities based with respect for their own values, ethics and cultural backgrounds.

**FAMILY SERVICES**

The Head Start Program is based on the premise that if when low-income families have access to local resources and programs, they will develop more self-reliance. The Family Service component provides information, referrals, assistance and support in education, health, nutrition, disabilities and community resources to Head Start families.

**TRANSITIONS**

Through the promotion of family engagement and school readiness goals the movement of children and families from Head Start into a public education setting will be a smooth transition. This is accomplished through the transition process and solid program foundations focused on school readiness.

**NUTRITION**

The Nutrition Education promotes good nutrition as a way to good health. The emphasis is placed on nutrition education for the parents as well as the child. Nutritious meals and snacks are served during child group activities.

**HEALTH**

The goal of the Health Component is to provide a comprehensive child wellness program which includes a broad range of medical and dental services to the preschool age child, that to assist in the child's physical, cognitive, and social development. Each child is required to have a physical examination and provide a record of immunizations, and a dental examination. Head Start will assist families with identified health needs and follow-up to ensure the child receives needed services. If the family has not established a "medical home" Head Start will assist in establishing one.

**MENTAL HEALTH**

The goal of the Mental Health Component is to provide a comprehensive program to ensure a positive mental health attitude for the child and the family. This is accomplished by providing positive experiences to assist in the child's physical, emotional, cognitive, and social development, with an overall goal of social competence and mental wellness. Head Start will assist and provide resources, referrals and follow-up to ensure the child and family receives identified mental wellness services.

**DISABILITES**

The Head Start program believes that all children, regardless of their disability, can benefit from a comprehensive evaluation and services at an early age, whether they be provided by Head Start or by other service agencies. By coordinating available services in the community and in the State with local Head Start resources, the child will receive immediate ongoing services.

Complete address and phone number, indicate information you wish to receive and mail, e-mail or fax this card to the address provided.

<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to enroll my child in the Head Start Program.	NAME: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive more information on the Head Start Program.	ADDRESS: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in volunteering my services to the Head Start Program.	CITY: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.	STATE: _____
	PHONE: ( ____ ) _____
	CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

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