

**Ways Your Child Could
Qualify for the
Early Head Start
Child Care Partnership
Program**

- ⇒ Must have an infant or toddler that is younger than 3 years of age on or before August 1st
(AND)
- ⇒ You are attending school *or*,
You are in job training *and/or*,
You are currently working.
(AND)
- ⇒ You must need full day full year care for your child.
- ⇒ You are receiving child care subsidy for your child

To apply you will need:

- ✓ **Income Verification (1040, check stubs, SNAP/Medicaid letter, etc)**
- ✓ **Foster Care Paperwork (if applicable)**
- ✓ **Any Legal Documentation regarding custody**
- ✓ **Proof of Address**
- ✓ **Proof of Child's Birth Date**
- ✓ **Child's Insurance Card**

Center Contact Information

Call one of our
Community Child Care Specialists
below for more information!

Jefferson County

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Infants & Toddlers**



Services currently provided in
Bullitt, Franklin, Jefferson,
Owen and Spencer Counties.

What is the Early Head Start Program?

The *Early Head Start* program is a federally funded, comprehensive, individualized services school readiness program serving children birth to three years old from income eligible families.

The *Early Head Start* program involves parents and the community in four key component areas:

- Education/School Readiness
- Family Services
- Health
- Parent Involvement

Additionally, 10% of Early Head Start's enrollment is reserved for children professionally diagnosed as disabled, who receive comprehensive services to meet their special needs.

The *Early Head Start Full-Day/Full-Year* program will specifically target parents who are K-TAP recipients, working, in job training or attending school who need full-day/year round care for their children. It is recommended that parents apply for the child care subsidy program.

Education/School Readiness:

A Full Day Full Year program with individualized instruction is provided to help your child develop socially, intellectually, physically and emotionally, in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development. Parents are encouraged to become an integral part of the child's learning process.

Family Services:

Early Head Start provides counseling, referrals and assistance to families in becoming aware of community resources available that may benefit their family. Early Head Start's Community Childcare Specialists help to promote independence, personal growth and self-sufficiency in families.

Disability Services:

Disabled children and their families receive the full range of Early Head Start developmental services. In addition, Early Head Start staff members work closely with community agencies to provide services which meet the special needs of the disabled child. Services for children include outreach and recruitment, screen-

ing, professional diagnosis, development and implementation of IFSP and transition into traditional Head Start classrooms or state funded preschool.

Health:

A comprehensive health program is provided to promote preventive health services and early intervention. Families are introduced to a network system that links them to ongoing health care. Early Head Start health services include:

- Medical and Dental Exams
- Speech/Language, Hearing, Vision and Developmental/Behavioral Screening
- Nutritional and Growth Assessments
- Mental Health Services
- Follow-up care as needed

Parent Involvement:

Parents are an essential part of the Early Head Start program. You may become active participants in classrooms and group activities, program planning and the decision making process of the program. You will be exposed to opportunities to learn, grow and become more effective parents.