

## It's Enrollment Time!



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Enrollment is underway! Applications are now being taken for Early Head Start and Head Start program for this year and the next school year. Programs are provided at no cost to families who qualify.

For 50 years, we have been administering Head Start to families in Woodbury County. Head Start is an all-day, educational preschool program for children ages three until they are kindergarten eligible. We promote language and literacy development, early math, science and social studies concepts, as well as positive approaches to learning. What sets us apart from other preschool programs is that we provide family support, health and nutritional services as well.

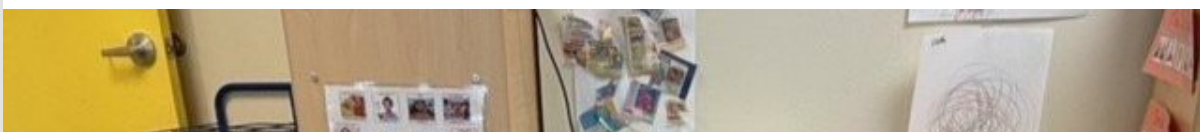
In 1999, we began providing Early Head Start services. This program offers both weekly in home visits or all-day classroom options. Early Head Start is available for prenatal women and children up to three years old. We promote language and literacy development, early math, science and social studies concepts, as well as positive approaches to learning. What sets us apart from other programs is that we provide family support, health and nutritional services as well.

This is an income-eligible program. Applicants must complete an application with one of our staff and provide income verification for the 2021 tax year or the last 12 months' worth of paystubs, and the child's birth certificate.

To learn more about Head Start and Early Head Start and to apply, please [click here](#). You can also call Michelle Eyer, Enrollment Specialist at [712-274-1610](tel:712-274-1610) x241 or for Spanish call Leticia Espinoza at [712-274-1610](tel:712-274-1610) x242.>>

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## New Vision and Screening Tools





As a part of providing services that support children's growth and school readiness, we conduct annual vision and hearing screens on children age 1 year to 5 years who are enrolled in our Early Childhood programs. Each year we screen between 500 - 650 children. Over the last five years more than 200 children have received a prescription for glasses as a direct result of the screenings conducted by the program. Annually, an average of 25% of children fail their hearing test. While some of the failed hearing screening are due to common childhood conditions such as fluid in the ear, children are referred to a specialist for further assessment. In late 2021, we received a Variety-the Children's Charity grant that allowed us to purchase new screeners which are more up-to-date and more accurate. So far this year, we have screened more than 450 children. We want to thank Variety - the Children's Charity for this opportunity and look forward to helping families with their child's hearing and vision. >>

## How You Can Help...

Each year, we help approximately 13,000 individuals. It is through our work that individuals and families are getting what they need to help them become more self-sufficient. This work would not be possible without the help of our generous donors. With your help, families are building stronger bonds and individuals are getting back on their feet. To learn more about how you can donate to us, please [click here](#). >>

## How We Are Helping Others...

Here is how many people we helped since the start of fiscal year 2022.



Individuals helped  
with food, clothing



Children screened  
for vision and



Children enrolled in  
Early Head

and  
personal/household  
items:  
**1,552**

hearing:  
**454**

Start/Head Start:  
**500**

**To ensure everyone's safety, we ask that you stay home if you are feeling ill or have tested positive for COVID-19. You can call our agency at 712-274-1610 and we can deliver the items you need to your home.**



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