

EIC EARLY HEAD START PHILOSOPHY

We maintain that infants and toddlers learn best when the environment meets their physical, social, cognitive, and emotional needs by providing a nurturing setting conducive to stimulating emerging learners with inquiry driven and culturally diverse resources that will bring about a higher degree of social competences for children and families to promote self-sufficiency.

Our Goals

1. To promote dignity and self-worth within the child and family.
2. To improve the family and community in the improving conditions and quality of family life.
3. To utilize every resource available to provide services for children and families.

Early Head Start (EHS)

Program Impact

- Reach infants/toddlers and families in 13 counties in the region
- Partners with current community childcare providers in the region
- EHS Expansion Center and EHS Child Care partnership
- Supports local small businesses and entrepreneurship
- Strengthens families and communities
- Increases access to early childhood care
- Provides access to health and dental care



Contact us for information.

EIC Servicing Counties

- Beaufort
- Camden
- Currituck
- Chowan
- Dare
- Hyde
- Hyde
- Perquimans
- Pasquotank
- Martin
- Pitt
- Washington



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GIVING YOUR CHILD AN
EARLY HEAD START



**ECONOMIC
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EHS PROGRAM SERVICES

1 Education

Our goal is to provide children with high-quality learning environments and experiences which will help them develop socially, intellectually, physically, and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development. Ultimately prepare infants and toddlers for Head Start schools or other programs and continued educational success with continuity and coherence.

...[because] We simply cannot inoculate children in one year against the ravages of a life of deprivation.

-Edward Ziglar co-founder of Head Start



3 Health

Our goal is to provide a comprehensive health service program which includes a broad range of medical, dental, mental health, and nutrition service to preschool children including children with disabilities

4 Nutrition

Our goal is to provide high-quality food helps to meet the child's daily nutritional needs, recognizing individual differences and cultural patterns which promote sound physical, social and emotional growth and development

2 Parent Engagement & Family Services

Our goal is to provide a planned program of experiences and activities which support the parent's role as the principal influence in their child's education and development. Ensure the recruitment of children from low income and undeserved communities. Refer families to appropriate services to address counseling or crisis intervention, advocacy, and support initiatives in the surrounding area to meet their social services needs.

Early Head-Start matters...

- Early Head Start serves pregnant women and children from **birth to age 5 through Head Start**
- Providing guidance information and directed services
- Fosters health development for children and their families during a child's most formative years
- Today, **600** EHS programs serve approximately **45,000** low-income families
- We will serve **288** infants and toddlers

5 Disabilities & Mental Health

Our goal is to provides services to children with disabilities in an environment conducive to their learning. Disabled children receive the same developmental services as the other children, plus specialized services.

Our goal is to provide services to support positive mental health while addressing the emotional needs of children, families , and the staff .

