

ENROLLMENT

Head Start services are available at no cost to children and families. All children are welcome in our classrooms and 10% of the enrollment **must include** children with special needs/disabilities.

To enroll your child, contact your county's Family Advocate for an appointment.

To locate your county Family Development Advocate or Child and Family Advocate go to www.nekcap.org and click on About Us and then Locations or call toll-free 888-904-8159, ext 116. You will need to provide your income documents (one year or at least three months - reflecting current situation of the family) and insurance cards. Immunization record is required before attending classes. Child's birth certificate (or hospital birth record) is preferred but not required. If you do not have these documents the Family Development Advocate or Child and Family Advocate will work with you to obtain them.



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NEK-CAP, Inc. Offices:

Administrative Office (Hiawatha)
785-742-2222 or 888-904-8159
www.nekcap.org

Atchison County (Atchison)
Early Head Start & Outreach Office: 913-367-7114
Head Start Center: 913-367-7848

North Brown County (Hiawatha)
Early Head Start, Head Start Center & Outreach Office:
785-742-2222

South Brown County (Horton)
Early Head Start, Head Start Center & Outreach Office:
785-486-2965

Doniphan County (Troy)
Early Head Start & Outreach Office: 785-985-2619

Jackson County (Holton)
Early Head Start & Head Start Center:
785-364-2109
Outreach Office: 785-364-4055

Jefferson County
Head Start Center & Office (Meriden): 785-484-3317
Early Head Start: 785-991-1381

Leavenworth County (Leavenworth)
Head Start Center & Office: 913-651-5692
Early Head Start: 913-547-1362 or 913-702-2411

Marshall County (Marysville)
Head Start Center: 785-562-2941
Early Head Start & Outreach Office: 785-562-1014

Nemaha County
Early Head Start (Sabetha): 785-284-3009
Head Start Center & Office (Seneca): 785-336-2927

Pottawatomie County
Head Start Center & Office (Havensville):
785-948-2023
Early Head Start (Westmoreland): 785-457-0122

NEK-CAP, Inc.

We provide comprehensive education and social services to low-income community members through collaborative partnerships focused on promoting family development, empowerment, and economic security.



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NEK-CAP, Inc. HEAD START



Head Start is a comprehensive child development preschool program that serves children from ages 3 to 5 years old and their families in eight of NEK-CAP, Inc.'s 16-county service area. The program is a child and family-focused program and has the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families. Head Start services are FREE to eligible children!

Head Start supports all preschool children in developing school readiness skills. To prepare for Head Start, children and families are supported in completing Kan-Be-Healthy exams and dental exams. Families continue to receive support with any follow-up appointments or treatment for children enrolled in the program. In Atchison, Hiawatha, Leavenworth, Marysville, Seneca and Havensville: the 3-5 year-old children attend classes four days per week, Monday - Thursday for 3½ hours per day for 128 days. In Horton, Holton and Meriden the 3-5 year-old children attend classes five days per week, Monday - Friday for 6½ hours per day for 160 days. This center-based program option was selected by the Policy Council, Multi-County Board of Directors, parents and staff.



Children are provided with a safe loving classroom; a place they are accepted and are given opportunities to learn and experience success. Children participate in a variety of activities in a preschool setting, including: reading, math, science, and social emotional skill building. The children receive healthy meals and snacks and follow up with teeth brushing after meals. Field trips are planned to acquaint children with their community.



NEK-CAP, Inc. uses The Creative Curriculum for Preschool - The curriculum helps teachers create a high-quality learning environment and build a thorough understanding of best practices. Daily Resources help teachers plan and manage every moment of their day. Through studies, which are hands-on, project-based investigations, The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool helps teachers build children's confidence, creativity and critical thinking skills, and promote positive outcomes.



NEK-CAP, Inc. Head Start utilizes Work Sample, an on-line assessment tool. This is a comprehensive assessment tool for early childhood education programs that is based on the latest research, proven valid and reliable, and is fully aligned with the Common Core State Standards, state early learning guidelines, and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

Head Start services are also family-centered, fostering the role of parents as the primary educators, nurturers and advocates for their children. Head Start works closely with parents to assist them in developing and utilizing individual and family strengths to successfully meet personal and family objectives. Parents are encouraged to become involved in all aspects of the program, from participation in children's activities to direct involvement in monthly Family Engagement Activities, Parent Committee and Policy Council.



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