

HEAD START WORKS!

“Since Head Start was launched in 1965, comprehensive services in the areas of health, education, social services, and parent involvement have been provided to almost 20 million low-income children and their families. For over 35 years, no other early childhood program has been as extensive and successful as Head Start in meeting the needs of the children, families, and communities it serves.” —From the National Head Start Association



The Ozark Action, Inc. Head Start Program provides enrollment of eligible children regardless of race, sex, creed, color, national origin, or disability. OAI is an E.O.E.

Contact the Ozark Action, Inc. Head Start Center in your community for more information or to apply:

Alton Head Start—417/778-7579

Ava Head Start—417/683-5217

Cabool Head Start—417/962-4086

Gainesville Head Start—417/679-4340

Grovespring Head Start—417/462-3333

Houston Head Start—417/967-4111

Licking Head Start—573/674-2100

Mansfield Head Start—417/924-8421

Mtn. Grove Head Start—417/926-5170

Mtn. View Head Start—417/934-6918

Summersville Head Start—417/932-6661

Thayer Head Start—417/264-2089

West Plains Head Start—417/256-8823

West Plains Training Center—417/257-0998

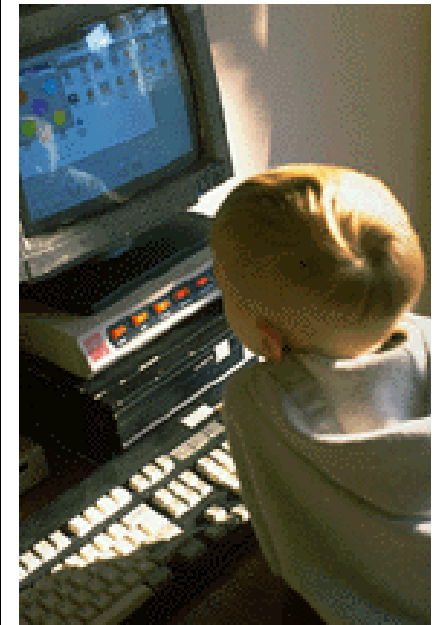
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Give Your Child a
**HEAD
START!**



Your local Head Start Program is now accepting children's applications for the 2004-05 school year.
APPLY NOW!

What is Head Start?

Head Start is a Federal program for preschool children from low-income families. Children who attend Head Start participate in a variety of educational activities. They also receive medical and dental care, have healthy meals and snacks, and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors.

Head Start helps ALL children succeed. Services are offered to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. All children receive developmental and health screenings to help the staff assess their strengths and needs. Individual plans are developed for each child.

Head Start is for the entire family. Through regular interaction with parents and guardians, Head Start works to provide information, support, referrals, and services to help families. Head Start believes that parents are the most important influence on their children.

Head Start parents are encouraged to get involved in all aspects of the program. Parents meet with teachers regularly to discuss the children's progress and goals, and parents work with the teaching staff to extend the classroom experience into the home. Head Start's volunteer program offers parents a chance to observe their children in the center and to obtain valuable work experience. A most unique feature of Head Start is that the PARENTS *must* have a say in how the program is operated. Through local parent committees and the agency's Head Start Policy Council, Head Start Parents help make sure that the program is responsive to the needs of their children, families and communities.

Children must be three-years-old on or before July 31, 2004, to qualify for entry into our Head Start Program. Priority is given to children who are four-years-old on or before July 31, 2004.

Other eligibility criteria include family income, location, and special needs.

TO APPLY—

**CALL OR STOP BY YOUR
LOCAL HEAD START
CENTER FOR AN
APPOINTMENT!**

Head Start offers children and the families a variety of services:

- ◆ **Quality Early Childhood Education**
- ◆ **Developmental and Health Screenings**
- ◆ **Individualized Teaching**
- ◆ **Health Services**
- ◆ **Social Services**
- ◆ **Parent Involvement**
- ◆ **Community Involvement**
- ◆ **Services for Children with Special Needs**
- ◆ **Safe, Licensed Facilities**
- ◆ **Nutritious Meals**
- ◆ **And Much More!**



OAI Head Start offers transportation for children (except for those in Full Day/Full Year classrooms) to the fullest extent possible. However, transportation may not be available to all children because of distance and time restrictions.