

SHIPPENSBURG HEAD START
& PRE-K COUNTS

September/October 2026
NEWS-TO-KNOW



@:Shippensburg University
Head Start Program

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 15 & 24

WIC @ Shipp

**Sept 18 Policy
Council**

NO CLASS:

Sept. 7 & 18

Oct. 12

Oct. 19-23

**WHEN YOU DON'T
KNOW WHERE TO**

TURN,

CALL 211

**RESOURCE
HELPLINE**



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 PROGRAM CLOSED  Labor Day	8 EHS Socialization 10-12	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 WIC @ Ship 9-3	16	17 Policy Council 10am Home Base Socialization	18 NO SCHOOL	19
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From the Education

We are excited to begin a new school year! The Education Staff looks forward to sharing experiences with the children and families alike. Throughout the school year, there will be a variety of fun and hands-on activities for families in this “From the Education Manager’s Desk” segment of the Newsletter. For any additional activities you would like to do in the home, do not hesitate to contact your teacher, home visitor, or an Education Manager.



Bridging Home and School

We all know that if a bridge is not structurally sound, it will eventually collapse. Likewise, if relationships are not built on a sturdy foundation, they too will fail.

Too often parents and program staff are intimidated by each other. But by willingly beginning the home/school relationship with an open, sharing approach, we can build trust. Then, when issues arise – even sticky ones – we can talk about them without hesitation.

All of us here try to do our best to keep you informed. We post pertinent information on the parent bulletin board as well as include it in newsletters. We send home other information with your child. We also want to talk with each of you often.

Feel welcome to visit the classroom or socialization at any time. Come eat lunch with us. Drop by and tell us a story or show us something special. Or just take a break, have a seat, and enjoy the children.

Clearly, ongoing interaction and support from both families and staff make the connection between home and school a two-way street. You can help by sharing information about your child with us. Especially during any crisis or period of change, when children are under stress and act or react differently, please keep us informed. Obvious times include a change in jobs, a move to a new house, or an illness or death in the family, but they also could involve the child experiencing nightmares, making changes in eating habits, and stopping or starting medication.

In turn, we'll alert you to anything out of the ordinary that we might notice in your child here. Only by sharing information can we build a bridge strong enough to support our children.

Manager's Desk

What is “Developmentally Appropriate Practice”?

You probably will notice that our classrooms exhibit a lot of bustle and noise, that children are up doing things, talking, playing, and exploring. Such a classroom environment differs from the old grade-school images of a teacher doing a lot of talking at a blackboard while children sit and listen quietly at their desks.

Research and experience tell us that to be effective with young children, teaching practices need to be “developmentally appropriate.” What this means is simply that educators need to think first about what young children are like and then create an environment and experiences that are in tune with children's characteristics.

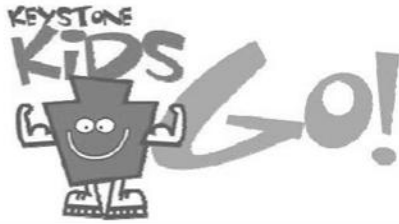
Early childhood, after all, is a time of life quite different from adulthood, and even from the later school years. Children 3-6 learn far better through direct interactive experiences than through just listening to someone talk. They learn extraordinary amounts through play and exploration. And

the younger children are, the more what they learn needs to be relevant and interesting on the day they learn it, not just in the context of some future learning. Based on such knowledge about what children of this age are like, we design our program to fit them. It works a lot better than trying to re-design children!



A developmentally appropriate program like ours is age-appropriate. But that's not all. To make the program a good place for every child, we gear our classroom environment and activities to this community and the families involved. We're eager to learn as much as we can about each child's family, cultural background, past experience, and current circumstances. With this knowledge we work to create a program that fits the children and the families we serve.

For more information or any concerns in reference to your child's educational experience, please contact your home visitor, teacher, or the Education Manager at 717-477-1626.



Keystone Kids Go!

Families Moving Together for Fun and Fitness

Family Newsletter

September

School Days

September is famous for the start of school. You most likely have been shopping and preparing for school to start. New shoes, backpacks and bedtime routines aren't the only things to consider. Did you know that your child's physical activity has an impact on how well they do in school? Movement stimulates brain activity. Movement increases blood flow and helps children think more clearly. Certain movements even prepare your child to become a reader. Check out this month's Move it! activity for a great way to help your child learn the alphabet while moving their body.



Back to School Tips

The key to preparing your child for school is careful planning. Here are some ways you can make it a success.

- Start early with the new routines. Don't wait until the night before school to change the dinner, bath, story and bed times.
- Make sure your child starts the school day with plenty of rest and a good breakfast. Be careful about giving them sugary cereals and make sure to offer some protein (cheese, milk, yogurt, nuts, etc) with their breakfast.
- Children need plenty of fresh air and activity to help their bodies adjust to being in school and sitting for longer periods of time.
- The night before... Pack lunch (don't forget to include fruits and vegetables) and have it ready in the refrigerator. Help your child pick out what they will wear the next day. Have the book bag packed and ready at the door.



Chant it!

If your child is enrolled in a program that promotes *I am moving I am learning*, you might be familiar with this chant, adapted from this [I'm Moving, I'm Learning](#) CD song.

I'm Moving, I'm Learning

I'm learnin' what, what, what
What my body does
Like bend and stretch.
(bend and stretch your body)

I'm learnin' how, how, how
How my body moves
Like fast (move your body fast) and slow
(move your body slow)
Like start (stop moving, start moving and stop again) and stop.

I'm learnin' where, where, where
Where my body moves
Like high and low (reach up high and then touch down low)
Like forward and backward. (move forward and backward)

I'm moving with, with, with
With my Choosy friends.
Now everybody dance and sing
Everybody dance and sing.
"I'm moving, I'm learnin,
I'm moving, I'm learnin,
I'm learnin to move, and
I'm moving to learn,"
So come on everybody help me sing this song. (move your body all around and dance)

Move it!

This month's Move It! focuses on a fun and simple activity families can do to promote the development of gross motor, problem solving and literacy skills.

Body ABC's

Create the letters of the alphabet, using only the body. Here are some ideas on how you can do it.

- 2 people use their bodies to make the letter A.
- 1 person uses their body to create a B
- 1 person uses their body to form a C
- 3 people use their body to make a D
- 2 people use their bodies to create an E

Mix up the number of people needed to make the rest of the alphabet letters. Need more people? No problem, use stuffed animals or dolls.

Some letters could be done using only the hands to help with fine motor development. The letters can be either upper or lower case. Be creative, have fun and most importantly laugh!



For more info on *I am moving I am learning*, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/movelearn>

Check out Choosy Kids and their resources at: www.choosykids.com

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Step away from the couch!

All children, regardless of their ability, need to participate in daily physical activity. The only difference is that some children might need the activity or materials adapted. Here are some things to consider for all children, particularly those with special needs:

- **Make it fun!** Children are much more likely to get moving if it is fun.
- **Reduce sedentary time.** Shut off the TV, computer and video games. This will encourage your child to find something active to do.
- **Plan for safety and then relax.** Is the area safe and free from obstacles? Does the equipment work properly? Does your child have on needed safety gear? If you can answer yes to these questions then sit back, relax and allow your child to be a child.
- **Allow your child to experience challenges.** When starting an activity, your child might not be able to do it completely and may tire easily. No worries! Encourage them to do the best they can, as much as they can, for as long as they can. Over time they will build up strength and stamina.
- **Involve peers and community.** Children are typically more motivated when they are doing something with others. Check into your local YMCA, community programs and clubs for kids to see if there is anything they can be involved in.



Adapted from Finding Balance. For information on nutrition and physical activity for children with special needs visit: www.abilitypath.org

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I Move Myself

I move myself in many ways
I move myself in many ways. (move your entire body)

Shake your head. C'mon shake your head.
Choosy says, Can you show me, Can you show me red? (point to something red)

Put your arms up (put your arms up)
Put your arms down (put your arms down)
Choosy says, Can you show me brown?
(point to something brown)

Wiggle your front. (wiggle to the front)
Wiggle your back. (wiggle to the back)
Choosy says, Can you show me black? (point to something black)

Be a jumping bean (jump up and down)
Go on be a jumping bean.
Choosy says, Can you show me, Can you show me green? (point to something green)

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This month's Move It! focuses on a fun and simple activity families can do to promote body awareness, self control and listening skills.

FREEZE

You surely remember playing freeze. Although it seems like nonsense game, there is a lot learned. When children are asked to start and stop activities, they learn self control and this is a skill that helps them throughout their life.

Play music using a CD, MP3 player, or radio. Have the children do whatever movement they wish or dance while it is playing. At random points and without the children seeing, stop the music. Whenever the music stops, they must freeze.

To mix it up, you can change the freeze command to something different like touch your nose, sit on the floor, etc.



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TIPS | for parents of Preschoolers

Read early and read often. The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. It's never too early to begin reading to your child! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

■ **Read together every day.**

Read to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.

■ **Give everything a name.**

Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects. For example, "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings of the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"

■ **Say how much you enjoy reading.**

Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with him or her. Talk about "story time" as the favorite part of your day.

■ **Read with fun in your voice.**

Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices. Ham it up!

■ **Know when to stop.**

Put the book away for awhile if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.

■ **Be interactive.**

Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page, and ask questions.

■ **Read it again and again.**

Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time!

■ **Talk about writing, too.**

Mention to your child how we read from left to right and how words are separated by spaces.

■ **Point out print everywhere.**

Talk about the written words you see in the world around you. Ask your child to find a new word on each outing.

■ **Get your child evaluated.**

Please be sure to see your child's pediatrician or teacher as soon as possible if you have concerns about your child's language development, hearing, or sight.

Visit www.ReadingRockets.org for more information on how you can launch a child into a bright future through reading.

Shippensburg University Head Start & Early Head Start Parent Committee Meetings & School Readiness Events



The **purpose** of Head Start Parent Committee Meetings is to provide parents and guardians with an opportunity to actively participate in their child's Head Start experience and have a voice in the program.

Shippensburg Head Start Classroom (Ms. Chris, Ms. Victoria)

September 25 at 1:00 PM

King St. Head Start Classroom (Ms. Wendy, Ms. Victoria)

September 24 at 1:00 PM

North Dickinson Head Start Classroom (Ms. Evelyn, Ms. Kendra)

September 25 at 12:30 PM

Early Head Start (Ms. Amy, Ms. Doris, Ms. Kendra)

September 22

Head Start Home Base (Ms. Doris, Ms. Victoria)

September 17

Your Voice Matters!

-  Learn Together – Get resources and ideas to support your child's learning.
-  Connect with Other Families – Meet other parents and participate in fun social activities.
-  Share Your Voice – Ask questions, share concerns, and provide feedback.
-  Be Involved – Help shape activities and experiences for children and families.
-  Support School Readiness – Work together to help your child grow, learn, and succeed.

SITTING ON SAFETY

Drive safely & ensure your child's safety by using a proper child car seat.

Checklist:

Straps are snug with one finger-width of slack; no twists.

Straps are at shoulder level.

Ensure the seatbelt straps/tethers are tight, keeping the car seat in place.



Position your child with his or her back and bottom flat against the car seat.

Chest clip is at armpit level.

Never leave your child alone in a car

0 – 2 years

2 – 7 years

4 – 12 years

8 years and above



REAR-FACING



FORWARD-FACING



BOOSTER



SEAT BELT

Keep your child in the specified car seat until they reach the recommended height & weight limit of the seat.



All children under 13 years old must be buckled and seated at the back seat.



Never place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active airbag.



Don't substitute a booster seat with a cushion; they can slide off, displace the child & cause strangulation.

Rules for getting on and off the school bus

Getting on the school bus

When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.

Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.

Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.

Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.

Behavior on the bus

When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed.

Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.

Keep aisles clear -- books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.

Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.

At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit, using the hand rail.

Getting off the school bus

If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver.

Make sure that the driver can see you.

Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross.

When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.

Stay away from the bus's rear wheels at all times.

Correct way to cross the street

Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.

They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.



Depression

It is estimated that up to 17 percent of people in America will suffer at least one major depressive episode in their life. An episode can be classified by having at least 5 of 9 major symptoms in a 2-week period.

WATCH FOR 5 OF THESE SYMPTOMS WITHIN 2 WEEKS

- 1.) Depressed mood
- 2.) Reduced interest in almost all activities
- 3.) Unintended significant weight gain or weight loss
- 4.) Insomnia, or sleeping too much
- 5.) Increased or decreased motor activity
- 6.) Fatigue or loss of energy
- 7.) Feelings of worthlessness or guilt
- 8.) Reduced ability to concentrate or think
- 9.) Recurrent thoughts of death



Depression causes unnecessary pain. It is known that stressful life events can trigger depression. Alcohol or drug abuse, steroids, sleeping problems, and illness can also make it worse. Depression in older adults is something to note because it often goes undetected.

TIPS TO AVOID DEPRESSION

- 1.) Simplify your life
- 2.) Join a support group with other stroke victims
- 3.) Do not become isolated
- 4.) Take care of yourself: eat right, exercise, and get plenty of sleep
- 5.) Structure your time: plan your day and activities, including leisure time
- 6.) Practice relaxation techniques
- 7.) Build emotional skills: these will help you to recognize and express your emotions in a healthy way
- 8.) Antidepressant medications: direct relief
- 9.) Psychotherapy: teach coping strategies and problem solving

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT OPIOID MISUSE?



TALK ABOUT IT.

Opioids can be addictive and dangerous. We all should have a conversation about preventing drug misuse and overdose.



BE SAFE.

Only take opioid medications as prescribed. Always store in a secure place. Dispose of unused medication properly.



UNDERSTAND PAIN.

Treatments other than opioids are effective in managing pain and may have less risk for harm. Talk with your healthcare provider about an individualized plan that is right for your pain.



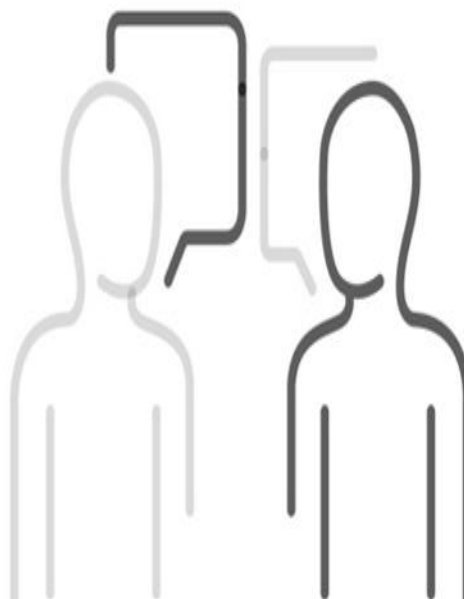
KNOW ADDICTION.

Addiction is a chronic disease that changes the brain and alters decision-making. With the right treatment and supports, people do recover. There is hope.



BE PREPARED.

Many opioid overdose deaths occur at home. Having naloxone, an opioid overdose reversing drug, could mean saving a life. Know where to get it and how to use it.



For help, resources,
and information:

<https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/>

1-800-662-HELP (4357)





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Shippensburg Head Start Program

Male Involvement Initiative

September/October 2026 Edition



The Importance of Father's Involvement in Child Development

<https://www.activemomsnetwork.com/the-importance-of-father-involvement-in-child-development/>

Fathers are an important aspect in a child's life much like mothers are. Every father wants to be a good father to their child. They always want to have strong bonding and relationship with their child. Being a parent is always a matter of constant learning and comes with a lot of challenges and experiences.

An active role by the father plays an important role in a child's development. The knowledge and participation as they share with professionals who are part of their child daily life come in handy later.

In this article, we will focus on the importance of a father on the child's development, the father's role in parenting and the various benefits of a father's involvement.

WHAT ARE THE FATHERING TECHNIQUES:

The Clinical and developmental psychologist, Diana Baumrind has outlined three main parenting styles as per his experience:

- **Authoritarian** – it focuses mainly on the parenting style that is low on warmth and high on the control in nature.
- **Authoritative** – it focuses mainly on the love and limits, where it's medium on control and high on warmth in nature. The Discussions can be had, but the parent remains in control as of it.
- **Permissive parenting** – focuses on very high on warmth were as low on control. People who use this style view as it the most child-centered process of parenting

IMPORTANCE OF FATHER IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT:

There is no particular right or wrong in the amount of time that a father should spend with their child. Children get benefits from the quality interaction they share with each other. Fathers involved in their child's development really make a difference. It really affects the mental health and well being of a child. The importance and benefits of a father's involvement in a child's life include:

- Fathers give children a person to trust, to bond with and feel secure around himself.
- The fathers do have different opportunity to give their parenting style in a different way from another family member.
- The boys who are more connected to their father really develop more self-confidence and self-control, whereas the girls learn to be stronger with their feelings.
- The research has also proved that good father-child relationships in early childhood are also associated with good father-child relationships in adolescence period also.
- When the father is more involved in child development then the child is more likely to get on well with their siblings.
- The father's role in parenting helps the children to have better social skills and they are more able to have

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positive relationships with other children and are likely to behave less aggressively than those whose fathers don't involve in the parenting process of their kids.

- The father role in parenting always leads to building a strong relationship during childhood and later phase of life. The father-child bond even lasts into the child's adulthood.

BENEFITS OF FATHER INVOLVEMENT:

The following are some positive effects of father involvement in the early years of a child.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH:

Father involvement in parenting is a positive linked with children's overall life satisfaction and well being in their life. The Babies whose fathers are involved in their daycare are more likely to feel connected to them than mothers. They are better able to handle new and unfamiliar situations, can manage stressful situations in all dimension, and are more curious and eager to explore the environment at glance. A child with connected fathers or parenting are also more likely to experience:

- higher levels of happiness
- higher levels of confidence
- Fewer feelings of fear and guiltless emotional distress and upset.

CHILDREN'S THINKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS

Children who are involved in conversations that include the question which has opportunities to practice and hearing more complex words and sentences from others. These skills help the child to find ways to solve problems and develop their own word and language skills than those children who don't have healthy parenting. These are often the sort of conversations that children have with their fathers and helps children to develop better problem-solving skills.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

From birth, the children who have an involved role of father ([R](#)) are more likely to feel emotionally connected with each other, confident to explore their surroundings, and have a better social connection with their others siblings. When fathers are more involved in experiences with their children, such as eating meals together and going on outings, this has a positive influence on children's social development. Children with connected fathers are likely to:

- 1.Have positive peer relationships
- 2.Have stronger and closer friendships with less conflict
- 3.Experience the real sense of giving and take relationships
- 4.To develop turn-taking skills with other children too

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THE MOTHER FATHER RELATIONSHIP:

It goes without saying that fathers who play an active role in raising their child lighten a load off their partner's shoulder. Women who get emotionally supported by their husbands feel better, they do have better pregnancies, breastfeeding experiences, and have better postpartum mental health than those of not. These good feelings continue as the babies grow into children. When the fathers are very involved, encouraging, and supportive, then the mothers tend to be more positive, sensitive, and responsive to their kids. All of these traits in a mother make it more likely for kids to be happy and secure, underlining the importance of supportive fathers role in child development.

HOW TO BECOME A MORE INVOLVED FATHER?

Children come across or feel a father's love when he spends some quality time with them. According to a report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there are three main reasons that the time a father spends with his children is critically important and effective in proper child development. First- spending time together which enables a father to get to know by each other and to be known by his child. A father can be the best example of discovering his child's virtues and vices, hopes, fears, and aspirations level and ideals by spending lots of time with his child.

Second, a father who spends lots of time with his child tends to be better at caring and parenting. Time spent together makes a father more sensitive to his child's who needs more love, attention, direction, and discipline. And third most the children who often do see time as an indicator of a parent's love for them.

THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WILL HELP YOU TO BECOME A MORE INVOLVED FATHER:

- **Have fun:** fathers are uniquely suited to bond with their children by engaging them in some activity like play and fun-filled activities. This sorts of interactions help the children to learn the skill of navigating the world around them and understand compassion, empathy, that gain control over their impulses, among other benefits.
- **Don't stop as children get older:** The Fathers should maintain the playful style of fathering as their children age as well. In other words, when it comes to father-child fun, the active pursuits like tossing the football, playing basketball, are more valuable things like than spending time in passive activities such as watching television and so on for their relationship with each other and for their child's emotional , socially well being, social development, and physical fitness of their child.
- **Be productive:** It's very important for children to do certain kind of productive tasks with their fathers such as cleaning up the house, doing laundry, or working in the garden. These types of common and shared activities in children lead to a sense of responsibility and self-esteem among themselves. And in the long phase of life, it helps in engaging in helpful activities with dad. This can help the kids succeed in school and future life.
- **Teach them.** When fathers are involved in their children's educational activities, the children are more likely to succeed academically than those who do not. This engagement can take a number of forms, right from reading with children to helping with their homework or attending parent-teacher meetings in school. This is one area in which a father's involvement has even more significant impact than a mother's for kids.

Small things matter a lot for kids. These above techniques and skills will definitively help you to build a stronger relationship between you and your child. The importance of father involvement in child development is tedious. So, the father should play a better parenting style in a child's life.

Five Ways Fathers Support Their Child's Learning Every Day



PLAY

Fathers play with their child to help them learn social skills.



FOLLOW

Fathers follow their child's interests and encourage exploration and discovery.



TALK

Fathers talk with their child about what they are doing and learning.



LISTEN

Fathers listen to their child when they talk about their feelings and ideas.



LOVE

Fathers love their child as a unique and special person.

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ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES



NATIONAL CENTER ON
Parent, Family and Community Engagement

Family Engagement Activities, Presentations & Opportunities

Dates, Times, and Locations TBD

Family engagement opportunities, presentations, and workshops give families the opportunity to **learn, connect, share their voice, and access resources** while building strong partnerships with Head Start. Together, families and staff support children's **development, school readiness, and success!** We encourage all Head Start and Early Head Start families to participate, share their ideas, and take advantage of the opportunities available throughout the year.

Together, we grow stronger families and help children thrive!

Upcoming Activities, Presentations & Workshops

-  Internet Safety
-  Reaching Your Goals Workshop & Vision Boards
-  Male Involvement Activity: Donuts for Dudes
-  Financial Literacy Workshop
-  Trauma-Informed Parenting & Family Wellness
-  Muffins for Moms
-  Career Day
-  Family Fun Nights

Why They Matter in Head Start

Strengthen Family Partnerships

Families and staff work together as partners to support each child's success.

Support Child Development

Parents learn strategies and activities they can use at home to support learning, social-emotional development, language, and school readiness.

Build Parent Knowledge & Skills

Workshops provide families with helpful information about positive parenting, child safety, health, nutrition, financial literacy, kindergarten readiness, and more.

Connect Families to Resources

Families can learn about community resources and services that may help meet their individual needs and family goals.

Encourage Parent Leadership

Families have opportunities to share their ideas, provide feedback, participate in decision-making, and help shape program activities.

Build Relationships & Community

Family events provide opportunities to connect with other families, teachers, and Head Start staff while building a strong sense of community.

Promote School Readiness

When families are actively involved in their child's education, children receive additional support both at school and at home.

Empower Families

Family engagement helps families recognize their strengths, set goals, access resources, and become active partners in their child's education and overall well-being.

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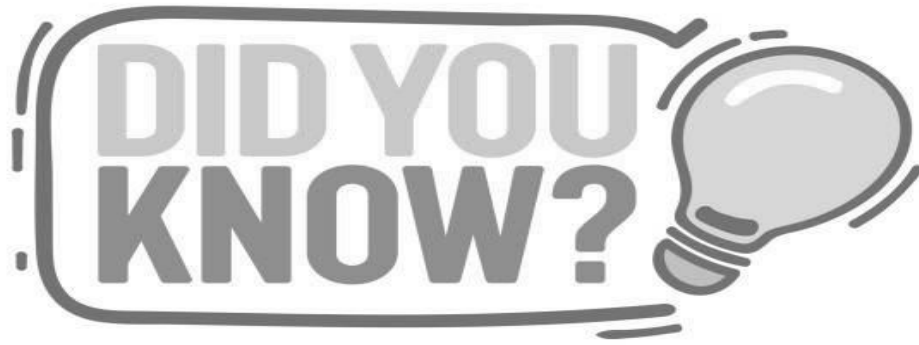


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