

# Partnering with Head Start

*Childcare and Early Childhood Education – What You Need to Know*

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# CAP Tulsa Overview



We believe every family and every child deserves the same opportunity for success. This is achieved by empowering low-income families with the education and tools they need to break the cycle of poverty.

Our goal is that children enter school prepared for success, families create a nurturing and secure environment for their children and that families are connected to one another.



# What is Head Start?

- Head Start provides comprehensive early learning services to children from birth to age five through early learning centers, home visitors, and family child care partners across the country. <sup>1</sup>
- Since its inception in 1965, Head Start has been a leader in helping children from low-income families enter kindergarten more prepared to succeed in school and in life. <sup>1</sup>

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**Early learning:** Children's readiness for school and beyond is fostered through individualized learning experiences. Through relationships with adults, play, and planned and spontaneous instruction, children grow in many aspects of development. Children progress in social skills and emotional well-being, along with language and literacy learning, and concept development.



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**Health:** Each child's perceptual, motor, and physical development is supported to permit them to fully explore and function in their environment. All children receive health and development screenings, nutritious meals, oral health and mental health support. Programs connect families with medical, dental, and mental health services to ensure that children are receiving the services they need.



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**Family well-being:** Parents and families are supported in achieving their own goals, such as housing stability, continued education, and financial security. Programs support and strengthen parent-child relationships and engage families around children's learning and development.



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# Who Qualifies?



Families with income at or below Federal Poverty Level

- Children younger than 3 yrs old (*Early Head Start*)
- Children at least 3 yrs old; but not older than 5 yrs (*Head Start*)

**OR** - Family is eligible for public assistance

**OR** – Family is homeless



# Why Partner with Head Start



Providers are held to performance standards which ensure quality early learning environments

Focused on the whole family; parent engagement is a major pillar of Head Start





# Why Partner with Head Start?

## Building Foundations for Economic Mobility (BFEM) webinar series

- Webinar 3: *Building Foundations for Parent Employment, Education, and Career*
- Webinar 8: *Building Relationships with Adult Education and Workforce Training Programs*

*Access webinars via Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center (eclkc)*

[www.cap.tulsa.org](http://www.cap.tulsa.org)

# How to Locate Local Providers

Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center (eclkc)

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices>

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