

Child Development Program

Head Start/Early Head Start is a comprehensive early education program for children from at risk backgrounds from birth to 5, as well as pregnant moms. From early math and reading skills to confidence and resilience, we help children build the abilities they need to be successful in school and life. Head Start recognizes the role of the parents as their child's first and lifelong educators and engages parents as equal partners.

KCEOC Child Development operates Head Start in Clay, Knox, Laurel, and Harlan Counties, and Early Head Start in Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, and Rockcastle Counties. Services are provided in both center base and home base models. We serve 737 children in our Head Start program and 291 children in our Early Head Start Program.

Eligibility Requirements for participation:

- A pregnant woman or child is eligible if:
 1. The family's income is equal to or below the poverty line; or,
 2. The family is eligible for or receiving public assistance (TANF or Supplemental Security Income),
 3. The child is homeless,
 4. The child is in foster care.
 5. Over income are accepted as a last resort, not to exceed 10 % of the total enrollment.
 6. 100-130% of the poverty line will be accepted if all eligible children are already accepted, not to exceed 35% of the total enrollment.