

# HEADING for the START of School Success




## What We Do

Head Start has a long tradition of success in helping at-risk children, their parents, and the communities in which they live. At the heart of Head Start services is the well-being of children—school readiness, and making certain that basic health needs are met and that social, emotional, and physical growth continues through life. Head Start programs follow the Early Learning Framework and monitor children’s educational growth, as well as provide health and dental screenings.

Head Start recognizes parents as their child’s primary caregiver and educator. They support and encourage parents to be involved in all aspects of the program and their children’s lives. Head Start supports parents through parenting classes and in setting and realizing education and job goals. They connect parents with resources to manage finances and education, to find the path out of poverty.

## Who We Are

For over 50 years Head Start programs have supported children’s growth and development in a positive learning environment through a variety of services with include Early Learning, Health, and Family Well-being.

Head Start (ages 3-4) and Early Head Start (ages 0-3) serves children and families who meet eligibility requirements. Children from birth to age five who are from families with incomes below the poverty guidelines are eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services. Children from homeless families, and families receiving public assistance such as TANF or SSI are also eligible. Foster children are eligible regardless of their foster family’s income.

## Why Head Start

**Economic Gain — every dollar invested realizes from \$7-\$10 gain**

- ◆ Better Cognitive and Character Skills
- ◆ Improved Attention and Motivation
- ◆ Better Self-Control and Sociability

MEANS.....

- ⇒ Higher Level of Employability
- ⇒ Greater Earning Potential
- ⇒ Less Money Spent on Remedial Classes
- ⇒ Less Likely to be Incarcerated

South Dakota has 16 grantees, tribal and non-tribal serving all 66 counties. Head Start programs offer a variety of service models which include Center-based socialization centers and Home-based visiting services, as well as combinations to best serve children and families.



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## Program Year

Most Head Start programs hold Center classes from September—May, while Early Head Start programs run year long. Sessions may be full day or half-day with 4 or 5 day weeks.

New Head Start performance standards will require 1020 hours per year for Head Start children and 1380 hours per year for Early Head Start. Programs will work toward 6 hours per day sessions with goals of 50% by 2019 and 100% by 2021. Some flexibility for local needs will be allowed.



## Program Contact Information

### **Inter-Lakes Community Action**

PO Box 268  
Madison, SD 57042  
605-256-6518

### **Northeast SD Head Start**

200 S Harrison St #1  
Aberdeen, SD 57401  
605-229-4506

### **Oahe Child Development Center**

PO Box 907  
2307 E Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501  
605-224-6603

### **Sioux Falls Head Start**

1101 N. Western  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
605-367-7950

### **South Central Child Development**

401 Walnut St SW  
Wagner, SD 57380  
605-384-3683 or 877-384-3683

### **TREC-Badlands Head Start: Prenatal to Five**

101 5th Ave  
Belle Fourche, SD 57717  
605-723-8837 or 800-598-5859

### **University of SD Head Start**

414 East Clark  
326 Julian Hall  
Vermillion, SD 57069  
605-677-5235 or 802-813-8132

### **Youth & Family Services**

PO Box 2813  
Rapid City, SD 57709  
605-341-6448

### **Cheyenne River Head Start**

PO Box 590  
Eagle Butte, SD 57625  
605-964-8710

### **Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Head Start**

PO Box 804  
Lower Brule, SD 57548  
605-473-5520

### **Oglala Lakota College Head Start/Early Head Start**

PO Box 490  
490 Piya Wiconi Road  
Kyle, SD 57752  
605-455-6000

### **Rosebud Sioux Tribe Head Start**

PO Box 836  
Rosebud, SD 57570  
605-747-2391

### **Rural America Initiatives**

919 Main St Suite 201  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
605-341-3339

### **RAI Dakota Site**

PO Box 350  
Ft. Thompson, SD 57339  
605-245-2185

### **Sisseton/Wahpeton Oyate Head Start**

PO Box 749  
Agency Village, SD 57262  
605-698-3103

### **Standing Rock Sioux Tribe HS/Early HS**

PO Box 768  
200 Proposal Avenue  
Ft. Yates, ND 58538  
701-854-7250

### **Yankton Sioux Tribe Head Start**

PO Box 1153  
Wagner, SD 57380  
605-384-3423