



**Miami-Dade County
Community Action and Human Services Department
Head Start/Early Head Start Program**



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the requirements for the Head Start/Early Head Start Program?
 - Proof of age, income, and the family must reside in Miami-Dade County.
2. Applications and a list of Head Start Centers may also be downloaded from the County's Portal at www.miamidade.gov/socialservices or www.miamidade.gov/socialservices/child-care.asp
3. Are there any income limits or guidelines?
 - Yes, review the current poverty guidelines, posted in the centers or website.
4. Does the program provide transportation to and from school?
 - Transportation is provided only to children with an IEP receiving a prescribed treatment or therapy arranged by the Program. Staff will provide full details regarding transportation options. All field trips are free of charge to participants.
5. What is the cost for Head Start?
 - Head Start services are free to Miami-Dade County residents.
6. What are the age requirements for Head Start?
 - A child must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, of the upcoming school year and no older than 5 after September 1. Exception: A child transitioning from Early Head Start to Head Start Program and a child diagnosed with an IEP.
7. What is the number of children with a disability that the Program is mandated to serve?
 - A minimum of 10% of the children served must have an IEP for Head Start or an IFSP for Early Head Start.
8. Does the program enroll children with asthma, anemia, diabetes, or a physical or mental disability?

Yes, the program does enroll children with any chronic condition or disability identified by a medical professional. The Head Start/Early Head Start program does not allow for discrimination on any basis.
9. What are the names of the curriculum that you use?
 - Early Head Start (infants and toddlers) uses the Creative Curriculum.
 - Head Start (preschool) uses the High Scope Preschool Approach.
10. Does a child have to be potty trained to attend Head Start or Early Head Start?
 - No.
11. What are the operational hours for Head Start?
 - The hours of operations varies with sites and programs.
12. If I live in Broward or Monroe Counties am I eligible for Miami-Dade County Services?
 - No, Head Start services are for families residing in Miami-Dade County only.

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