

Macomb County

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM OVERVIEW

All enrolled families receive the benefits of a high-quality early childhood program.

Highlight the following points when discussing program options with families.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

	Head Start	Great Start Readiness Program
Funding Source	Federally funded	State funded
Age Eligibility	Pregnant mothers, Birth-5 years of age.	4 years of age by September 1 (With an option of December 1)
Income Eligibility	Family income is at or below 100% poverty level.	All families are income-eligible following the prioritization process.
Selection Criteria	Priority points based on income and risk factors; 10% enrollment must be children with disabilities. Extra points for 3 year old children.	Eligibility is based on the prioritization process. Eligibility factors are documented.
Hours of Operation	<u>Full Day program</u> – 8:30-3:00 M-F	<u>Part Day program</u> – minimum 3 hours <u>School Day program</u> – must follow same length of day as local school district/PSA 1 st grade program.
Length of Program	September – mid June; minimum of 160 days.	Classic 4 Day: Minimum 120 days spread over at least 30 weeks Extended 5 Day: minimum of 180 days spread over at least 36 weeks.
Average Class Size	15-17 children per session (based on ages of children in classroom)	16-20
Adult-Child Ratio	1:8	1:10

PROGRAM SERVICES

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<u>PROVIDED SERVICES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education • Parent/Family Engagement and Education • Nutritious meals provided at no cost • Medical Records Assessment • Dental services including mobile dentist • Family needs assessment/community services • Special Needs/Disability Services 	<u>PROVIDED SERVICES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education • Parent/Family Involvement and Education • Nutrition services • Free meals and/or snacks <u>REFERRAL SERVICES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical • Dental • Health/Menth Health • Social Services • Special Needs