

Ozark Opportunities, Inc. operates  
The following Head Start Centers:

**Baxter County**

Cotter Head Start (870)435-5040  
Mountain Home Head Start (870)425-9111  
Norfolk Head Start (870)499-5611

**Boone County**

Alpena Head Start (870)437-2267  
Harrison Head Start (870)741-8757  
Valley Springs Head Start (870)429-5524

**Marion County**

Bruno-Pyatt Head Start (870)321-7413  
Flippin Head Start (870)321-7510  
Yellville-Summit Head Start(870)321-7437

**Newton County**

Jasper Head Start (870)446-5818  
Western Grove Head Start (870)429-8242

**Searcy County**

Marshall Head Start (870)448-5883  
St. Joe Head Start (870)439-2210

**Van Buren County**

Clinton Head Start (501)745-6905  
Shirley Head Start (501)723-4301

See Center Phone Number Listed Above  
For More Information.



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## Head Start Preschool Program

Better Beginnings Rated 

- School Readiness
- Quality Education –State Accredited Curriculum
- Comprehensive Services
- Engaging Parent through Partnerships
- Helping to Empower Families



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Serving 6 Counties  
Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton,  
Searcy and Van Buren

# Give your 3–5 year old child a Head Start, by enrolling them in our School Readiness Program!

When your children are better prepared, they're more likely to succeed.

In Head Start children enjoy a variety of experiences that help them develop intellectually, physically, and emotionally.

*Head Start is much more than a daycare!*

Our classrooms provide learning activities consistent with kindergarten readiness skills. And best of all, Head Start services are **FREE** to qualifying children and their families. Services include: vision, hearing, speech, developmental screenings, meals, snacks, and supplies.

Head Start accepts applications year round. To be eligible:

- ❖ A child must be at least 3 years old but not yet school age by the State determined date.
- ❖ The family must meet federal income guidelines.

## Frequently Asked???

### Why should I choose Head Start over other available pre-schools and daycares?

- Consistent proven effectiveness. Since Head Start was launched in 1965, no other early child development program has been as extensive and successful as Head Start in

meeting the needs of the children, families, and the communities it serves. Head Start not only teaches the child basic academic skills they need to know before entering Kindergarten, but we also teach them how to interact with other children and have a smooth transition into the public school system. Research has demonstrated that Head Start makes differences in the lives of children, families, and communities.

### What could my child learn?

Through a state approved curriculum some things that children will learn include the following basic skills:

- Ability to count
- Basic social skills
- Classroom discipline
- How to positively interact with other children
- Know their colors & shapes
- Respect for authority
- Alphabet recognition
- Structured classroom activities
- Understand relationships that exist in everyday life
- Write their name

### How do I enroll my child?

Go to your local center or an advertised registration site with :

- Child's immunization record
- Copy of your income verification
- Document showing Child's proof of birth date
- Complete an application

### Is transportation provided to and from school?

Head Start Transportation guidelines require all children be properly seated & belted in a child-restraint system in order to provide maximum protection during transportation. In addition to the bus driver, a monitor is required to aide in having children signed in and out of the bus and to monitor child safety. OOI Head Start provides limited transportation. Check with your local center for availability.

An area resource guide is available at all centers that may provide additional (public) transportation information and assistance to families.

### What if my child has a documented or suspected disability?

- Head Start accepts children with disabilities on the same basis as children without disabilities. If your child has a documented disability we will work with professionals to help your child in every way possible. Head Start also provides access to local cooperative agencies that provide developmental, speech, vision, and hearing screenings to all children at no charge, so if you suspect your child might have a disability you can be assured that they will be tested and given the proper help if they are accepted into the Head Start program.

### How can I get involved in my child's classroom?

- Regular attendance and participation in parent meetings
- Volunteering with activities
- Potential employment opportunities
- Opportunities to:
  - Design the program to fit the needs of the community
  - Gain Professional Development and Job Skills
  - Assess the Program and make changes as needed

### How is Head Start different from the ABC program?

- Earlier Enrollment
- Continuity of Services
- Accessibility of Family Support services

*OOI Head Start considers applicants for enrollment without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, disability or any other legally protected status.*