

Norwood Child & Family Resource Centre Head Start (3.5-5 Years)

This is a learning through play preschool program. The desired result is for children to have a positive outlook on learning and to enhance school readiness. Learning is supported through enjoyable activities that stimulate the child's growth and development. Parents are invited to become involved in the program such as volunteering, sharing ideas during the Parent Advisory Committee and attending parent groups. Family support workers and various partners in the community also provide support to children and families to achieve success in learning and life. Transportation and snacks are provided.

Program Eligibility

Low income families within the Norwood boundaries

Time

Four days per week, mornings or afternoons.

Location

9516-114 Ave.

Contact

471-3737

St. Albert Parent's Place Head Start (3-5 Years)

This is a pre-kindergarten program. It is a "learning through play," environment, rich in early literacy and social interaction. The program is designed to prepare the child for a successful school experience and to encourage growth in all areas of development. The family support worker encourages parent involvement and supports each family individually.

Program Eligibility

Low income families within St. Albert boundaries and children with mild/ moderate and severe delays.

Time

Four days per week, mornings or afternoons.

Location

10A, 215 Carnegie Drive, St. Albert, Alberta

Contact

459-7377

Oliver Centre Early Learning Programs for Children & Families Society

Oliver Centre Full-Day Head Start (12 mos.-5 Years)

This is a Province of Alberta Accredited program for working/ student families providing Head Start with wrap around child care. This pre-school program is designed to strengthen the children's self-concepts, to encourage growth in all areas of development and to prepare older children for successful school experiences. Children receive 2/3 of their daily nutritional requirements. Parents are supported with parent groups and with visitations with the outreach worker. Parents may choose to volunteer the classroom. A team of professionals that includes teachers, early childhood educators, outreach workers and speech pathologists offer services.

Program Eligibility

Families must qualify for childcare subsidy.

Time

Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 5:45 pm, year round.

Location

10277-118 St.

Contact

482-2116

*Ask to speak to outreach worker

Oliver Centre Half-Day Head Start (3-5 Years)

This pre-school program is designed to prepare children for successful school experiences. The aim is to strengthen children's self concepts and to encourage growth in all areas of development. Parents are supported with home visits, parent groups and volunteer opportunities. A team of professionals offer services. Snacks and transportation are provided.

Program Eligibility

Low income families within Calder/Oliver boundaries.

Time

5 days per week, mornings or afternoons.

Location

Oliver 10227-118 St.

482-2116

Calder 12950-118 St.

451-2191

Oliver Centre Resource Supports for Early Learning & Care (0-6 Years)

The program provides additional learning resources and family support to accredited childcare. Resource teams offer timely access to early intervention and prevention services to support developmental outcomes for children and their families. This is a new model of service delivery similar to Head Start, aimed at increasing developmental outcomes of children.

Program Eligibility

Families who are enrolled in accredited early learning programs.

Time

Full days year round, five days per week.

Location

City of Edmonton.

Contact

425-9186

White Cloud Aboriginal Head Start (3-5 Years)

This program provides Aboriginal preschool children with a positive sense of themselves and an opportunity to develop and to learn different skills to be successful in the school system. Opportunities are provided to children to realistically experience cultural, academic and social activities that will give them a head start. Outreach support and a parent advisory committee are also available.

Program Eligibility

Aboriginal ancestry.

Time

Four days per week, mornings or afternoons.

Location

Sherwood School

9950 - 152 St.

Contact

481-3451

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What is "Head Start"?

One in five children in Alberta live in poverty. The highest rates of poverty are in families with children under five years old. These early years are also the most critical time in a child's development. In fact, early

experiences at home and school are the foundation for a child's future educational and life success.

Head Start is a comprehensive preschool and family support program for families with low income. Head Start is a positive introduction to

school experiences and a bridge linking children and families to community resources. Learning may be supported through speech and language services, occupational therapy services, health screenings as well as mental health consultations. The goal of Head Start is to prepare children for a successful educational experience, in partnership with their families and communities.

Head Start describes a continuum of early learning programs that includes: Half-day Head Start, Early Head Start, Aboriginal Head Start, Full-day Head Start, Resource Supports for Early Learning & Care and Francophone Head Start.

The Inter-agency Head Start Network..

Interagency Head Start Network is a collaborative group that came together in the 1980's. It is now a network of nine agencies that work together developing a stronger voice for Head Start in the Edmonton area. One of the tasks of IHSN is to implement our Community Response plan, which sets our strategic goals and action plans. Across nine agencies we serve 1500 children and their families, who represent over 20 countries and 30 languages.

ABC Head Start

(3.5-4.5 Years)

The agency serves low-income families and their children through the provision of a preschool and family support program. Children engage in a learning through play environment four half-days per week. Learning is supported through enhanced special services including speech and language therapy, health screenings, mental health services, daily snacks, free bussing and small classes. Parents have the opportunity to attend regular parent education and support groups, access in-home support and are invited to be involved in all aspects of the program. Community volunteers and partnerships enrich the program by providing support to children and families in their journey to achieve success in learning and life.

Program Eligibility

Low income families within site boundary areas.

Time

Four days per week, mornings or afternoons.

Locations

Locations across Edmonton.

Contact

461-5353

Wetaskiwin Head Start

(3.5-5 Years)

Wetaskiwin Head Start provides early learning experiences for children, families and the community. Children are competent learners who are motivated to make sense of their world through healthy relationships and play-based activities. Families are supported by offering assistance, information and referral services.

Program Eligibility

Residents of Wetaskiwin and area. Children funded through Alberta Education

Time

Four days per week.
Morning Class:
8:45 am - 11:45 am
Afternoon Class:
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Location

4013-48 St.
Wetaskiwin, AB

Contact

Ph. (780) 361-0085
Fx. (780) 352-1818
email: whstart@incentre.net

Mother Earth & Me Aboriginal Head Start

(3.5-4.5 Years)

Qualified staff provide a culturally enriched, early literacy preschool program designed for Aboriginal children, providing a fun learning environment filled with emerging kindergarten readiness skills. Home liaison workers to assist with registration, family supports and community networking. Special education services, daily snacks and health screenings are included in the program. An active parent advisory committee is an integral part of the program. Transportation is provided within program boundaries.

Program Eligibility

Priority is given to Aboriginal children preparing to enter kindergarten and low income families.

Time

Four days per week, mornings and afternoons.

Locations

Abbott School
12045-136 St.
Ben Calf Robe Society
11833-64 St.
St. Pius School
12214-128 St.
Belmead School
9011-182 St.

Contact

477-6648 *Ask to speak with home liaison worker.

E4C Clareview Head Start

(3-5 Years)

Clareview Head Start offers a fun, play based preschool program that helps prepare children for kindergarten. Children's learning is supported through a variety of specialized services such as health screenings, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and mental health services. Parents are invited to participate through parent groups, volunteer opportunities and the parent advisory committee. Families are connected to community resources and are supported through the outreach component. Bussing and nutritional snacks are provided.

Program Eligibility

Low income families within the Clareview boundaries.

Time

Four days per week, mornings or afternoons.

Location

1142 Hermitage Road

Contact

475-1020

Early Head Start

(Prenatal-3.5 Years)

Early Head Start is a long term intervention program. The goal is to enhance the parents' roles as the first and most important teachers of their children. Playgroups offer learning experiences based on children's interests and the developmental needs of each child. Parent groups offer an environment for parents to freely express their views, perspectives, struggles and successes regarding the parenting experience. Free bussing and nutritious snacks are provided at groups. Health services such as screens, referrals for assessments and interventions by a multi-disciplinary team of primary health, mental health and early childhood professionals are a key strategy of the program. Home visits provide supports, information, referrals and help in accessing community resources.

Program Eligibility

Low income families within the site boundary areas.

Time

One day per week, two hour parent/ playgroup.

Locations

North East, West, South Central, North West

Contact

426-3666