



WE ARE

A capital region network that began in the 1980's. Since our inception, Interagency Head Start has been committed to the children, families and communities we serve. We are much more than a pre-school service - our staff is dedicated to supporting the future of every child and their family. We truly care about supporting and encouraging the citizens of tomorrow.

We have become a leader in early childhood development and are committed to providing services that are affordable and accessible. Our Interagency Head Start sites serve over 900 children and their families at our 25 locations, who come from over 20 different countries and speak 30 languages.

WE CONNECT

Children to the education system - and everything they will experience in school. We are there as our children get ready for learning in school.

Families to the resources that are integral in the development of their children including books, educational resources and support services.

Communities to the families and children who make up vibrant neighbourhoods.

WE SUPPORT

Children and families as they experience life's challenges. We are proud to be a part of the support system for every person who walks through our doors.

WE ENCOURAGE

Children and families to be everything they can be - and more. At Interagency Head Start, we believe in people, potential and possibility.

WE BUILD

Relationships, trust and confidence with children, families and communities. Our services provide a framework for the future.

WE EMPOWER

Low income families throughout the capital region by providing them with the best available early educational opportunities.

WE EMBRACE

Everyone who walks in the door. Interagency Head Start is proud to welcome and support every child and family who come into our lives. It's rare that anyone would leave our centres without a smile or a hug.

WE NURTURE

Growth and development. We create an environment that is comfortable, encouraging and safe.

WE CARE

About every individual who comes through our doors. Our lifelong relationships with children, families and communities are proof that we do make a difference in the lives of our families.

WE COLLABORATE

Among our six agencies to provide the best learning environment possible. We are proud to have eliminated the silos in our organizations and openly collaborate with all of our partners. Our unified vision and voice has made Interagency Head Start a leader in early childhood development in the region. We practice what we teach at our agencies.

WE EXIST

Because of you. Our services are made possible by municipal, provincial and federal funding, along with fundraising, grants and private donations. Interagency Head Start would not be successful without the generous support of others. We pay it forward to our children – and the future thanks you.



INTERAGENCY HEAD START - KEY MESSAGES

- Interagency Head Start sites serve over 900 children and their families at our 25 locations, who come from over 20 different countries and speak 30 languages. We bring people together and support them as they prepare their children for school and life.
- We connect students, families and communities to each other and the essential services they need, regardless of ability to pay. Families play a crucial role in the development of a child – we do our best to strengthen those family connections.
- We offer a complete package. Interagency Head Start provides a network of support for children, families, parents and the community as they develop together.
- Education is our top priority. Our children, families and community rely on our services. Whether it's circle time or parent education sessions, we support the needs of our children and families.
- For every dollar spent on children in a program, seventeen dollars is saved in social services, including the justice system, the health system and crime prevention.
- Every child deserves to realize their potential. We help families to overcome obstacles and realize that anything is possible.
- Without financial support, the families we serve do not have access to early educational programs, materials and family guidance. We have become a leader in early childhood development and are committed to providing services that are affordable and accessible.
- Interagency Head Start receives 89% of our funding from the government and 11% of our funding from fundraising efforts and private donations.
- Interagency Head Start's success is a result of our collaborative nature. We work directly with our six agencies, communities, families and partners to ensure our children receive the best early education experiences possible. We are more than willing to work with your organization to see how we can best serve our most important resource – children.