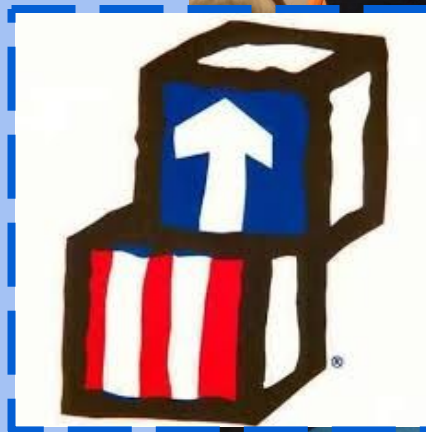


Washington Morgan Community Action

Head Start & Early Head Start



What is Head Start & Early Head Start?



Head Start and Early Head Start programs are free, federally funded programs designed to promote school readiness for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers from families that meet income eligibility requirements.



Early Head Start programs support pregnant women and families with children younger than age 3 years.

Head Start programs serve children between 3 and 5 years old

History of Head Start

When did Head Start begin?

Head Start was started as a part of President Lydon Johnson's War on Poverty. The Office of Economic Opportunity's Community Action Program launched Project Head Start as an eight week summer program in 1965.

Why is there a need for the program?

The project was designed to help end poverty by providing preschool children from low-income families with a program that would meet emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs.

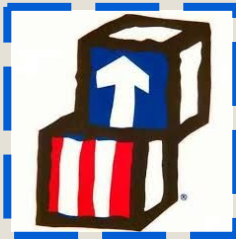


Who operates Head Start programs?

Programs are usually operated locally by nonprofit organizations, community action agencies, school districts, tribal governments, or other public/private organizations

Head Start today...

Head Start has served more than 30 million children since 1965, growing from an eight-week demonstration project to include full day/year services and many program options

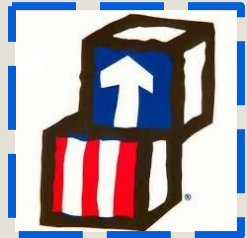


The Story of WMCAP Head Start....

The Washington Morgan Community Action Program Corporation is a non-profit community based organization that serves both Washington and Morgan County, Ohio.

In the 1960s, community leaders began meeting to assess local needs and determine a way to meet them. The Community Action Program of Washington-Morgan Counties was incorporated in 1967 and Anthony Mele, founding Executive Director, obtained funding for a family service center and outreach program, the first family planning program in the state of Ohio, ***and a full-year Head Start program.*** With these funds, Washington-Morgan Community Action began its long-standing commitment to the underserved individuals and families living in both counties.

WMCAP has proudly been serving preschool children ages 3-5 and their families as a grantee for the past 59 years. In 1998, WMCAP added Early Head Start services serving infants, toddler and prenatal mothers throughout our local communities.



WMCAP HS & EHS

Mission and Vision

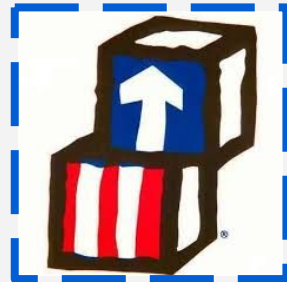
Washington Morgan Community Action Head Start & Early Head Start



Our Vision:

Building strong foundations for life-long growth and development in the lives of children and families

Our Mission:



The Washington-Morgan County Community Action Program's Early Childhood Program is committed to the comprehensive needs of families with pregnant women and children ages 0-5. Our service will aid children and families by:

- Providing a safe, healthy, and respectful environment to enhance the necessary cognitive and social skills to develop a love of learning;
- Collaborating with a variety of social service programs;
- Providing an educated, knowledgeable, nurturing, and receptive staff;
- Advocating for each family's self-sufficiency and empowerment;
- And recognizing our ever-changing community and the need to keep pace with these changes.

Eligibility Criteria

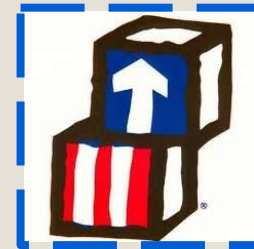


- Eligibility for Head Start/Early Head Start services is income-based (100% of the federal poverty level) though each locally-operated program has an eligibility criteria and point system to organize wait lists (age, employment status, etc)
- Children/families that are automatically eligible are those who are facing homelessness, in foster care and receiving government assistance (TANF, SNAP, SSI)



- The program can accept up to 10% of children whose income is higher than the federal poverty guidelines.
- Head Start programs are required to provide full services to children with disabilities (10% of funded enrollment)

Where we are located



Jane Edwards Head Start Center

205 Phillips Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750
***HS/EHS; with full
day and half day
options for HS***



Belpre Head Start

1901 Washington Blvd.
Belpre Ohio, 45714
***Head Start classroom
only***

Play and Learn Center

320 S. Main Street
Malta, Ohio 43758
***HS/EHS classrooms
available***



Matamoras Early Learning Center

1000 Stover Drive
New Matamoras, Ohio 45767
***Head Start classroom
only***



Placement Options



Head Start Classroom Services

- 4 days a week services for children 3-5 years of age
- Full day and half days provided at certain locations



Early Head Start Classroom Services

- 5 days a week, all year services for 0 to under 3 years old.



Home Base Services

- Weekly visits for children 0-5 years of age all year around.
- Prenatal program offers visits every other week until birth of baby

Home Base Services

HS/EHS HB program: full year

The Home Base Head Start option is intended to encourage the parent role as the child's first teacher.

The Head Start/Early Head Start Home Base option focuses on parents as educators and includes regular home visits by an assigned home visitor who works with families and supports parents in meeting the needs of their young children. Home Base is available anywhere in Washington or Morgan Counties.

In Home Base, children are offered 2 Socialization experiences per month. Socializations are a time when children enrolled in HB option, and other parents and their children come together.

In some programs, these events are also known as “group experiences” or “group time.” These are opportunities to build on the goals set during home visits.



What is offered in our classrooms?

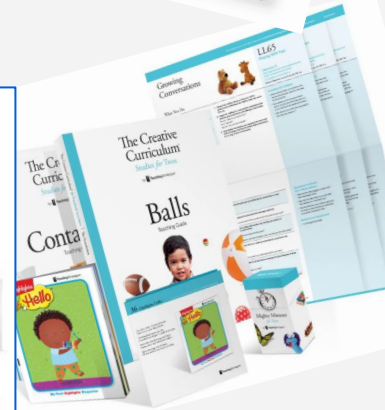
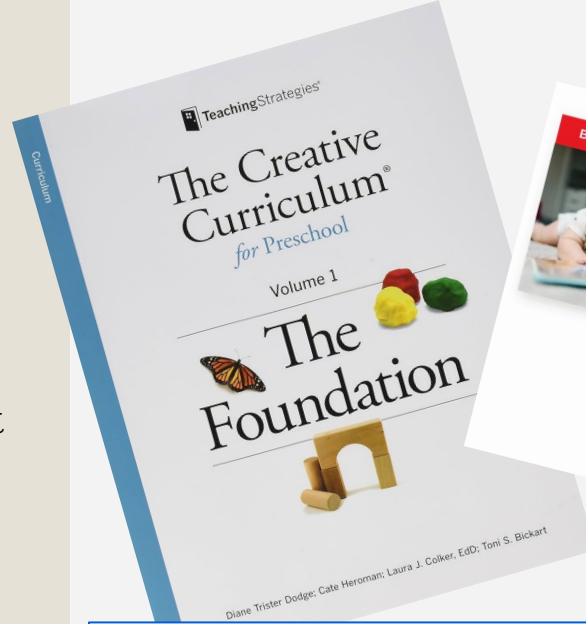


- 1.** A safe space for children to start their love of learning.
- 2.** 3 staff members assigned to each classroom.
- 3.** Nutritious meals/snacks
- 4.** Use of evidence based curriculum and assessment tools that align with state school readiness standards
- 5.** Intentional gross motor activities
- 6.** All supplies and materials are provided for free (food, art supplies, diapers, wipes, etc)
- 7.** Age appropriate restrooms, furniture and materials
- 8.** Access to Special Education Services completed within the classroom setting or building.

Curriculum & Assessment

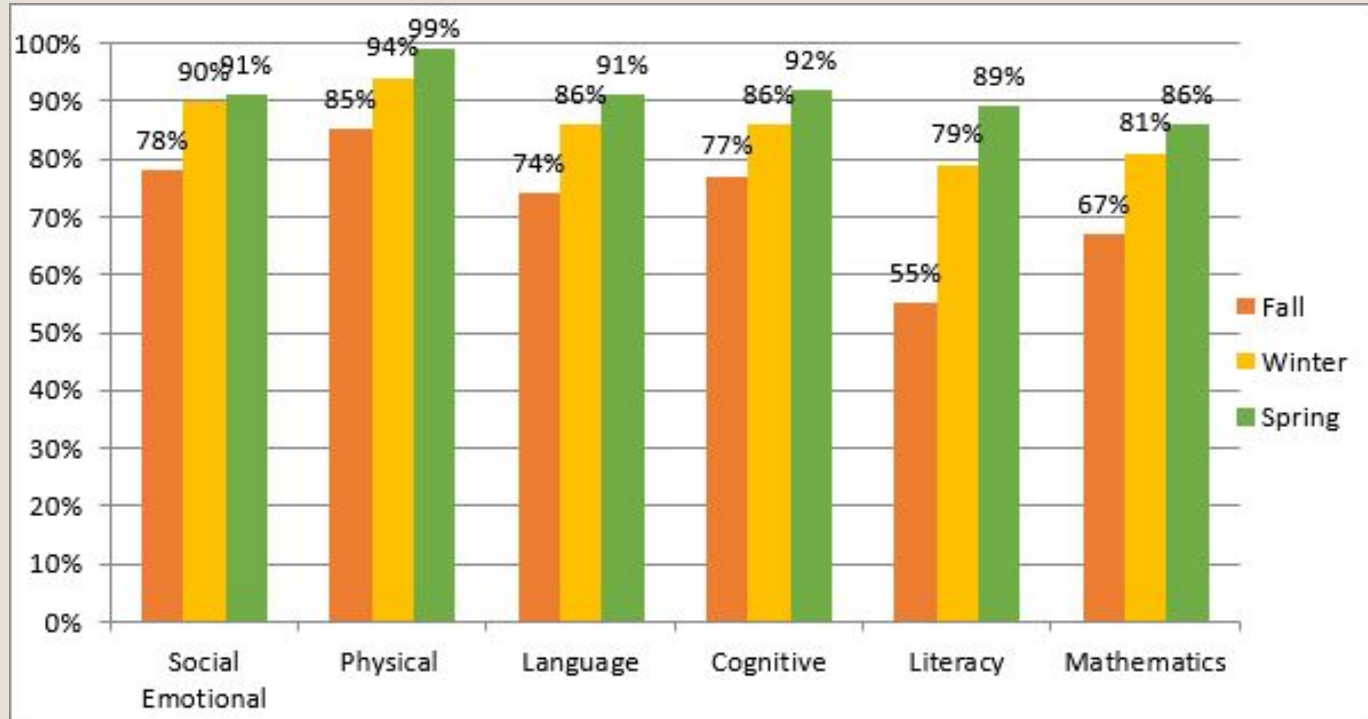
WMCAP Head Start and Early Head Start has been using evidence based Creative Curriculum for lesson planning and Teaching Strategies Gold as our assessment tool for school readiness for 25 years.

All of teaching staff have obtained interrater reliability certification. This certification demonstrates that the staff has ability to make accurate assessment decisions based on observation documentation.



Program Outcomes Data

The program analyzes developmental outcomes for individual children and the program as a whole to determine if all children are making progress towards school readiness goals and to make program improvements. The graph below displays the percentage of children who met or exceeded the widely held expectation for their age at each checkpoint. This data includes approximately 35% of enrolled children who were children with an identified disability.



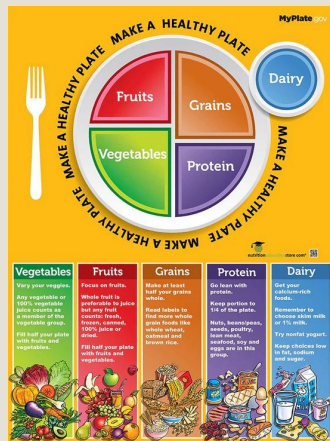
Supplemental Curriculums

Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum

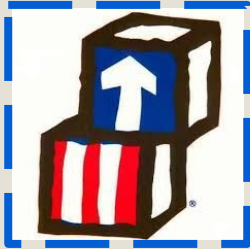
Read it Again

Nutrition Curriculum

Dental Curriculum

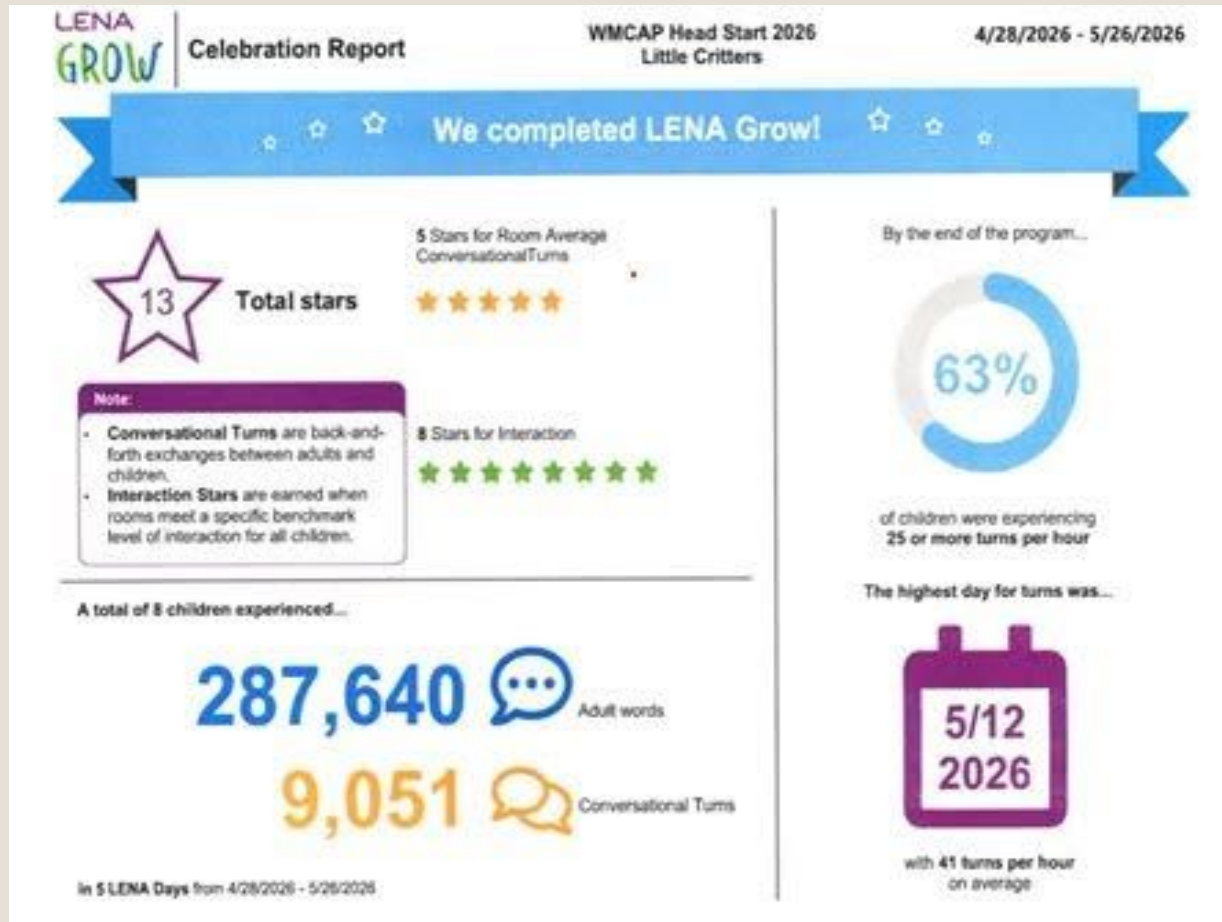


Tools that help the classroom



- ★ Full time Early Childhood Behavioral Specialist on staff
- ★ Crisis Prevention Institute Training
 - Non Violent verbal intervention training
- ★ LENA certified teachers in EHS
- ★ Disabilities Manager
 - Assists with referral and evaluation process
- ★ Education Manager/Practice Based Coach for teaching staff
- ★ Mental Health Consultant Services
 - Monthly classroom observations, individual child observations/plans, parent training, staff check ins
- ★ Mighty Minutes to help with transitions
- ★ PBIS/PAX Tools
- ★ Disabilities services completed on site
 - Conducted by special education providers (itinerants/SLP/OT/PT)

LENA data



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Safety First!

We strive to provide the utmost care and safety for all children and their families.

- As of August 2026 all sites have secure access. All site have equipment in order to lock down in case of an intruder or safety threat.
- Staff active supervision and child abuse/neglect training completed annually (refreshers throughout school year)
- Classroom and playgrounds are monitored for safety hazards daily
- Proper cleaning and sanitation is completed on a daily, weekly and monthly schedule.
- Safety drills are completed on schedule and documented (fire drill, tornado drill and lockdown drills)
- Pedestrian safety-yearly
- Second Step Child Protection Training-yearly



Family Education Advocates



WMCAP Head Start and Early Head Start not only provide services for the children enrolled in our program but for their families as well.

Each family is assigned a FEA at enrollment to help them set family goals, meet the health needs of their child(ren) and bridge the gap between classroom and home.

FEAs provides families resources within the community and facilitate referrals to help meet families needs.



Sense of Community



- ★ Policy Council
- ★ Health and Mental Health Services Advisory Committee
- ★ Monthly Parent Meetings
- ★ Family Nights
- ★ Socializations
- ★ Home visits/Conferences
- ★ Goal Setting

Playgrounds

We put a great deal of emphasis on gross motor and we have fully functioning playgrounds at all our sites.

Gross motor classrooms are also available in sites where space is available.



Health Services

1. Physical Exams (Well Child)
2. Immunization Records
3. Hearing & Vision Screenings
4. Blood Work (Lead, HCT/HGB)
5. ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2
6. Dental Exams
7. Nutrition Screenings
8. FIRA
9. ESQ



THE NATIONAL CENTER ON HEAD START
Health

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Akron, OH 44310
Phone: (740) 373-3745 Fax: (740) 373-6775

Head Start Oral Health Form—Children

Patient Information

Child's name _____ Date of birth _____ Parent's/guardian's name _____ Phone number _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
This practice is the child's dental home: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current Oral Health Status

Does the child have any teeth with untreated decay? ☐ Yes (decay) ☐ No (decay free)
Does the child have any teeth that have previously been treated for decay, including fillings, crowns, or extractions? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are there treatment needs? ☐ Yes, urgent ☐ Yes, not urgent ☐ No treatment needs

Oral Health Care Services Delivered During Visit

Diagnostic/Preventive Services	Counseling/Anticipatory Guidance	Restorative/Emergency Care
Examination: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Fillings: ☐ Yes ☐ No	
X-rays: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Crowns: ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Risk assessment: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Referral to Specialty Care	Extractions: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Cleaning: ☐ Yes ☐ No		Emergency care: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Fluoride varnish: ☐ Yes ☐ No		Other: _____ (Please specify)
Dental sealants: ☐ Yes ☐ No	(Please specify specialist)	

Future Oral Health Care Services

All treatment completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No Next recall date: ____ / ____ (month/year)
More appointments needed for treatment? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes: Approximate number of appointments needed: ____ Next appointment: Date: ____ Time: ____

Additional Information for Parents, Head Start Staff, and Medical Providers

Oral Health Provider's Contact Information and Signature

Provider name (please print) _____ Phone number _____ Fax number _____
Practice name _____ Address _____
Provider signature _____ Date of service _____

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Community Open House

**July 9th 2026
3pm-5pm
@ Jane Edwards Head Start**



YOU'RE INVITED

To: Community Partners
From: WMCAP Head Start
Subject: Invitation to Attend Community Partnership Open House

We are pleased to invite you to participate in our upcoming event, Community Partnership Open House, taking place on July 9th 2026, at the Jane Edwards Center, located at 205 Phillips Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750, from 3 pm to 5 pm.

This event is designed to bring together community leaders, organizations, and partners to strengthen collaboration, share resources, and support initiatives that positively impact our community. Your partnership and continued support are highly valued, and we would be honored to have you.

The event will include:

- Networking opportunities with community stakeholders
- Presentations and program highlights
- Resource sharing and collaboration discussions
- Refreshments

We believe your participation will contribute greatly to the success of this event and help foster meaningful connections within our community.

Please RSVP by July 2nd to Nichole Boone at nboone@wmcap.org or 740-373-3745. If you have a business card, please bring it!

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to serving our community. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Best,

Nichole Boone

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