



# Head Start & Early Head Start

## Preparing for your enrollment meeting

Head Start and Early Head Start are high quality early childhood education programs for children birth to 5 years old. We embrace diversity and welcome children and families of all backgrounds and abilities, including those with special needs.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Head Start/Early Head Start programs are FREE services to age and income eligible children and their families. Eligibility is determined based on one or more of the below:

- Applicants must be pregnant or have a child 0 to 5 years old
- Families who meet the established income guidelines
- Families who receive TANF and/or SSI benefits
- Families who participate in the foster care system
- Families who are homeless
- Families who have children with disabilities and/or special needs

### HOW DO I ENROLL?

Fill out the interest form at [www.cffde.org/headstart](http://www.cffde.org/headstart). Once we receive it, our staff will contact you to answer your questions and begin your enrollment. To complete your application you will need to provide certain documents that confirm your eligibility.

### WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED?

You will need to provide a copy of at least one the documents below:

- Award letter (amount received) for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Award letter (amount received) for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- W-2 form or 1040 tax information
- Two recent pay stubs
- Unemployment statement

You will also need to provide a copy of at least one of the documents listed below:

- Certified birth certificate
- Hospital birth certificate
- Health department birth certificate
- Medicaid card