

# Macomb County EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM OVERVIEW

All enrolled families receive the benefits of a high-quality early childhood program.

*Highlight the following points when discussing program options with families.*

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

	Head Start	Great Start Readiness Program
<b>Funding Source</b>	Federally funded	State funded
<b>Age Eligibility</b>	Pregnant mothers, Birth-5 years of age	4 years of age by September 1 (With an option of December 1)
<b>Income Eligibility</b>	Family income is at or below 100% poverty level	Family income is at or below 400% poverty level, with an option for over income families
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	Priority points based on income and risk factors; 10% enrollment must be children with disabilities. Extra points for 3 year old children	Eligibility based on income. Eligibility factors are documented
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	<u>Full Day program</u> – 8:30-3:00 M-F	<u>Part Day program</u> – minimum 3 hours <u>School Day program</u> – must follow same length of day as local school district/PSA 1 <sup>st</sup> grade program
<b>Length of Program</b>	September – mid June minimum of 160 days	Classic 4 day: minimum of 120 days spread out over at least 30 weeks Extended 5 day: minimum of 180 days spread over at least 36 weeks
<b>Average Class Size</b>	15-17 children per session (based on ages of children in classroom)	16-20
<b>Adult-Child Ratio</b>	1:8	1:10

## PROGRAM SERVICES

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<b><u>PROVIDED SERVICES</u></b>	<b><u>PROVIDED SERVICES</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Parent/Family Engagement and Education</li> <li>• Nutritious meals provided at no cost</li> <li>• Medical Records Assessment</li> <li>• Dental services including mobile dentist</li> <li>• Family needs assessment/community services</li> <li>• Special Needs/Disability Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Parent/Family Involvement and Education</li> <li>• Nutrition services</li> <li>• Free meals and/or snacks</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>REFERRAL SERVICES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical</li> <li>• Dental</li> <li>• Health/Menth Health</li> <li>• Social Services</li> <li>• Special Needs</li> </ul>