

HEAD START PRESCHOOL SUMMARY

Head Start Preschool is a comprehensive, family-focused school readiness program for income and age eligible children. In addition to a preschool program, Head Start works in conjunction with community partners to provide services related to physical and mental health, nutrition, social services, and family engagement activities. Head Start Preschool is proposing to serve 318 preschool age children and their families in Genesee County through partnerships with local school districts, churches, and college campuses.

Program options include center-based option (classroom), seven and a half hour classes, Monday through Thursday, for the school year and a home-based option. The center-based option provides ample opportunities for young children to progress in areas established by the program's school readiness goals. Implementation of full school day programming, program-wide, best meetings the needs of working families and those furthering their education. Head Start Preschool funding is blended with state Great Start Readiness Program funding to help allow for this option. In home-based, a home visitor works with the parent and child together, giving the parent ideas on activities to support their child's growth and development. Twice monthly, the child and parent attend a center for socialization, group activities, and parent education opportunities.

This application is to continue the 60 years of operating the Head Start Preschool program through the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (GCCARD), a department of Genesee County, for the 2025-2026 school year.