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Transitioning from Early Head Start



EARLY HEAD START

Child Care Partnerships &
Home Based Model



Transition Information

Home Based & Child Care Partnership

Your child will be three in the coming months and will be transitioning from the EHS program. As your family transitions, it is our goal to provide you with connections, resources, and ongoing support throughout the process. EHS will assist you in completing applications, submitting documentation, providing necessary child and family information, and visiting the center of your choice.

What's next for your Family?

- What experiences do you want your child to have in the next 2 to 3 years?
- What are your child's strengths and needs?
- What services will your child need for success?
- What do you plan to accomplish for you and your family over the next few years?
- What support will you need to make this happen?

Please contact your assigned EHS staff member to discuss these questions and your options

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Your local library is a valuable resource for your family. Child activities and story times may be available.

Attleboro Public Library
www.sailsinc.org/attleboro; 508-222-0157

Brockton Public Library
www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org; 508-580-7890

Fall River Public Library
www.fallriverlibrary.org; 508-324-2700

Middleboro Public Library
www.midlib.org; 508-846-2470

New Bedford Public Library
www.newbedfordlibrary.org; 508-991-6275

North Attleboro Public Library
www.rmlonline.org; 508-699-0122

Norton Public Library
www.nortonlibrary.org; 508-285-0265

Taunton Public Library
www.tauntonlibrary.org; 508-821-1410

West Bridgewater Public Library
www.westbpl.org; 508-894-1255

Whitman Public Library
www.whitmanpubliclibrary.org; 781-447-7613

Contact your YMCA for information about family programs. There may be scholarship opportunities available.

Attleboro YMCA—Attleboro and Norton
www.attleboroymca.org; 508-822-7422

Hockomock YMCA—North Attleboro and Mansfield
www.hockymca.org; 508-695-7001

Old Colony YMCA—Middleboro, Brockton and Taunton
www.oldcolonyymca.org; Middleboro: 508-947-1390 / Brockton: 508-583-2155 / Taunton: 508-823-3320

YMCA Southcoast—Fall River and New Bedford
www.ymcasouthcoast.org; Fall River: 508-675-7841 / New Bedford: 508-997-0734

HEAD START

Head Start provides a comprehensive service for low income preschool age children, 3 to 5 years of age. Each classroom has no more than 20 children with a lead teacher and a teacher. Hours of operation vary but are typically 8:30 am to 4:30 pm., Monday through Friday. The program year begins the end of September and runs through the end of May each year. Transportation may be available for children depending on need and availability. Children receive a breakfast and lunch each day as well as an afternoon snack.

HEAD START PROGRAMS

Self-Help Inc.—Attleboro / Norton / Middleboro / Brockton
508-587-1716
Full Day / Part Day Head Start

Triumph Inc—Taunton
www.triumphinc.org
508-823-4710

P.A.C.E. Head Start—New Bedford
508-999-1286 / 508-984-3557
Part Day / Full Day

APPLYING TO HEAD START

When consent is provided, your PCA/EHSC can assist you in making the referral to Head Start. Once received, Head Start will schedule an intake appointment. EHS may attend this appointment with you as needed. Head Start will inform you if any documentation is needed to complete the application



CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP

Early Head Start recognizes the benefits and importance of care and if your family is enrolled in the EHS Child Care Partnership model, you may choose to transition your child from your current toddler setting to the preschool rooms.

EHS and center staff will work closely with you to ensure a seamless and successful transition for your child. Some transition strategies may include:

- Visits to the classroom prior to the transition with the child's current teacher
- Completing a transition summary with detailed child & family information to help your child in their next placement
- Parent / Teacher meetings prior to the transition to get to know the new teacher and view the classrooms.

Please contact your PCC for information to begin the process of transitioning your child to the preschool classrooms.

EHS-CCP Centers

Brockton Day Nursery
243 Crescent Street, Brockton, MA
508-588-2700; www.brocktonday.org

Days of Discover
575 Church Street, New Bedford, MA
508-998-9567

Westfield Child Center
470 Torrey Street, Brockton, MA
508-588-0100; www.westfieldchildcenter.com

Agape Childcare & Family Life Center
20 Oak Street Ext., Brockton, MA
508-894-6794

Early Learning Childcare, Inc.
322 Maxfield Street, New Bedford, MA
508-996-3774

Story Tree Children's Center
25 Marsh Drive, Taunton
508-828-1788; www.storytreecchildrenscenter.net/

PUBLIC SCHOOL

If your child is in Early Intervention, your services coordinator will assist you in referring your child to the public school department in your area of appropriate services. Early Head Start can also support you during this transition. If you have developmental concerns about your child and they are not enrolled in Early Intervention, EHS can support you through a self-referral to the public school system. Many areas offer preschool to typically developing children, although there may be a fee associated with this option. Please contact your PCA/EHSC or the appropriate school department for program information or to initiate this process.

LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attleboro Public Schools:
508-222-0212; www.attleboroschools.com

Brockton Public Schools
508-580-7500;
www.brocktoncommunityschools.com

Mansfield Public Schools
508-261-7500; www.mansfieldschools.com

Middleboro Public Schools
508-946-2032; www.middleboro.k12.ma.us

New Bedford Public Schools
508-997-4511; www.newbedfordschools.org

North Attleboro Public Schools
508-643-2100; www.naschools.net

Norton Public Schools
508-585-0100; www.norton.k12.ma.us

West Bridgewater Public Schools
508-894-1230; www.wbridgewaterschools.org/

Whitman-Hanson Regional Schools
781-618-7000; www.whrsd.org/