



Head Start

Description

CAP Agency Head Start is a family-centered preschool program designed to provide education, social services and health and nutrition services to children and their families. Various program options are available to accommodate individual families' needs, and parent involvement is encouraged.

Participation

CAP Agency Head Start is available to families with children ages 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, who live in Scott, Carver and Dakota Counties and who meet eligibility criteria. CAP Agency Head Start has the capacity to enroll 481 children. Children with special needs are welcome.

Eligibility

Head Start eligibility is based on income, age and individual child and family needs. Enrollment opportunities are limited to available openings within each geographic/program area.

Head Start PLUS

Head Start PLUS is a CAP Agency Head Start initiative designed to serve children who are victims of or at risk of abuse and neglect. Eligibility for Head Start PLUS is based on the existence of these risk factors; services are available to families with incomes in excess of Head Start guidelines. Program participation is generally initiated by a referral from a community partner, such as Public Health, but self-referrals are accepted when a family identifies themselves to be at risk.

Early Head Start

Early Head Start is a home-based, year-round program for infants and toddlers, ages birth to three, and their parents. The program includes one home visit each week and two group socialization experiences each month. Early Head Start is available in Dakota County only.

Words Work!

The Words Work! project enhances literacy opportunities for children from low-income families, who are at highest risk for academic failure, by establishing an environment that encourages writing, reading, and literacy skills across learning topics. Activities designed to reach that goal include emphasizing cross-cultural development, increasing parents' awareness of their role in their child's literacy development, and training teaching staff to become more skilled in using effective strategies to support literacy skills with children.

How to Enroll

Head Start applications are accepted throughout the school year and are available through the CAP Agency. For more information or to request an application, contact:

Scott County residents: CAP Agency Shakopee Office, 952-496-2125

Carver County residents: CAP Agency Chaska Office, 952-960-9700

Dakota County residents: CAP Agency Rosemount Office, 651-322-3500

Cost

Head Start services are voluntary and are provided at no cost to eligible families.

Head Start Center Locations

Scott County: Prior Lake, Savage, and Shakopee

Carver County: Chaska

Dakota County: Apple Valley, Eagan, Rosemount, and South St. Paul

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CAP Agency Rosemount Office ▪ 2496 - 145th Street West ▪ Rosemount, MN 55068 ▪ 651-322-3500
CAP Agency Shakopee Office ▪ 712 Canterbury Road South ▪ Shakopee, MN 55379 ▪ 952-496-2125

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