

What is Head Start?

Head Start programs are federally and state funded to support families from pregnancy to age 5. Our programs help children get ready to succeed in school and in life through learning experiences tailored to their current needs and abilities.

All families are encouraged to apply!



Who do we Serve?

- Pregnant mothers
- Infants
- Toddlers
- Children who are three and four years old
- Families residing in the counties of Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall and Roseau.



"From being a Head Start child in rural Minnesota to managing Head Start programs, my journey has been shaped by our incredible program. Early exposure to Head Start ignited my passion, and as a college student and expectant mother, Head Start provided crucial support. As a manager, I'm dedicated to offering others the same opportunities. Head Start changed my life, and I'm committed to sharing its impact firsthand with anyone interested."

~Sara Lee, Asst Education Manager

Head Start Center Locations

Badger	Baudette
Greenbush	Grygla
Karlstad	Roseau
Viking	Warroad



How do I apply?

Apply online or contact us today and we will guide you through the application process

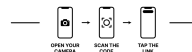
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MISSION STATEMENT

Northwest Community Action (NWCA) Head Start assists children in achieving appropriate physical and developmental growth. We also increase self-confidence and expand each child's ability to think, reason, and communicate. Head Start assists parents and families in improving their parenting skills, self-sufficiency, and the conditions in which they live, learn, and work.

Early Head Start Program Ages Pregnancy-3

- Weekly home visits offering a fun educational experience with your child and resources from prenatal care to parenting
- Busy Buddy Groups twice a month offering fun activities, nutritious snack and parent education
- Developmentally appropriate learning in physical, social-emotional, language and critical thinking skills

Family Partnership

- Specialized family partnerships, goal setting, referrals, parenting education and ongoing support
- Volunteer opportunities to socialize, learn and practice new skills
- Opportunities for parent participation in Policy Council to grow parent advocacy and collaborate on what drives our programs

Health and Wellness


- Promotion of physical development, both indoors and outdoors
- Medical, dental, hearing, vision and behavioral screening
- Healthy meals, snacks, and educational information for children and parents

Disability Services

- Early identification and intervention for children with special needs
- Inclusion in all program experiences building on your child's strengths
- Collaborating with parents and community agencies when further assessment is needed

Head Start Program Ages 3-5

- 10 preschool centers open September-May located in local schools
- Individualized learning that promotes school readiness nurturing every child's social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth
- Using exploration and discovery, children learn to develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical thinking skills
- School bus transportation may be available



"Excellent program! Head Start is great! Building a solid educational foundation with compassion, kindness & routine."