

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: VOLUNTEER!

Policy Council

Policy Council is made up of parents and community representatives. The Council meets monthly to approve/disapprove the policies and procedures of the Head Start program.

Parent Center Committee

Parents of children currently enrolled in Head Start. This committee elects center representatives, sends questions, requests, concerns to policy council and brings back information discussed at each policy council meeting.

Health Advisory Committee

Members will advise the planning, operation and evaluation of the Head Start Program and suggest workshops for Head Start Parents and Staff.

Education Advisory Committee

Involves committee members in the programs' curriculum, approach to child development and education.

Family & Community Partnerships Advisory Committee

Members participate in enrollment/recruitment and screening process. Takes leadership in activities provided for Head Start families, suggests ways to get parents involved, assists in recruiting volunteers and recruits parents to serve on Head Start committees.

BACKGROUND

Head Start was first created in 1965 to provide children and their families with community support and a comprehensive preschool educational program. In Head Start, children are guided to bring about social competence and a positive self-image. They are assisted in their readiness for kindergarten through the literacy program and a curriculum rich in science, math, language arts, pre-writing, arts and crafts, and music. Transition into kindergarten is made easier through help with record transfers and visits to schools they will attend. Families are also supported and helped to set family goals and plans of action in order to ensure growth and a better future for the entire family.

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APPLE COUNTRY HEAD START



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LOCATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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FREDERICK COUNTY CENTER

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Winchester, VA 22602-6421

Family Service Workers 540-535-1092

Teachers: 540-535-1094

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WINCHESTER CITY CENTER

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Winchester, VA 22601-3469

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Apple Country Head Start is a state licensed preschool program that provides comprehensive preschool and child development services for income eligible children ages three to five years.

Each family receives services such as home visits, parent conferences and parent involvement opportunities while partnering with other local agencies in the community to provide services for children with special needs. Family Service staff work closely with each family to help them to identify strengths and develop goals to enhance their family development.

We provide services:

To Children 3-5 years old

(Child must be 3 to submit application.)

We offer a part day and full day program.

School Calendar is based on School District calendar
Comprehensive services are provided for each family including home visits, parent activities, resource assistance and staff training.

CLASSROOM STRUCTURE

One teacher and one teacher assistant are assigned to each classroom of 18 children. Each family also works closely with a Family & Health Advocate who helps the family identify goals and strategies for achieving them.

Volunteers are needed on a daily basis to help with classroom activities, field trips, special events, meetings, etc. Feel free to call and discuss various opportunities to work with our program.

A typical daily schedule includes:

- Arrival/Departure
- Breakfast/Lunch
- Group & Individual activities
- Outdoor Play
- Self-Help skills such as toileting,
- Brushing teeth & hand washing

Field Trips scheduled around a topic of interest or study are scheduled throughout the school year.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Apple Country Head Start is to prepare children from Clarke County, Frederick County, and Winchester to meet their future school experiences and to provide their families with comprehensive support services in order for them to access resources and maximize opportunities in the community.

VOLUNTEERING

You have a chance to make a difference your child's life at Head Start by volunteering. There are many ways to get involved.

- ◆ Volunteer to help in classrooms
- ◆ Go with children on field trips
- ◆ Serve as a Center Representative
- ◆ Read a book to the classroom
- ◆ Serve on Advisory Committee
- ◆ Attend Policy Council meetings
- ◆ Help as an aide on the bus

◆ Join in on special activities sponsored by Head Start



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