

Mission Statement

Head Start Pre-Birth through Five's mission is to work with families recognizing their unique characteristics, cultural values and strengths, and collaborate with communities to provide comprehensive services.



Transportation

Head Start Pre-Birth through Five does not own or operate buses. Assistance is provided to families in accessing local resources to obtain transportation to program-related activities. Assistance includes providing information on resources available in the community, offering mileage reimbursement (in cases where it is an allowable cost to the program) and creating parent directories. Parents may also choose to In-Kind their qualifying mileage to the program. Transportation resources in communities may vary.



The University of South Dakota

For more information or an application contact the Head Start office at:

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USD Head Start



Building Your Child's Future with You



USD Head Start has services available in Clay, Lincoln, Turner, and Union counties.



PALS

Families meet two times per month for a group socialization experience. PALS (Play and Learn Session) provides an opportunity to interact and build relationships in a specially designed environment.

Program Options

Home Base

- ⌘ Expectant women and children in the birth to age 3 program are year round
- ⌘ Head Start services for children ages 3 to 5 year old follow the local school calendar
- ⌘ Weekly home visits
- ⌘ The classroom comes to you
- ⌘ Designed to fit your schedule
- ⌘ Group socialization (PALS) twice a month with family meals or snack
- ⌘ Teaching designed to meet the child's unique and individual needs

Head Start Center Base

- ⌘ Designed for children ages 3 – 5 years old
- ⌘ 3 ½ hour sessions Monday through Thursday, following the local school calendar
- ⌘ Breakfast and lunch provided for morning classes and lunch and snack provided for afternoon classes

Early Head Start Center Base

- ⌘ Designed for children ages 18 months to 3 years old
- ⌘ 3 ½ hour sessions, two days a week
- ⌘ Services provided year round
- ⌘ Breakfast and lunch provided during each session
- ⌘ 2 Home Visits per month
- ⌘ Excellent opportunities for children to develop social skills in a small group setting

Full Day/Full Year

- ⌘ Designed for children ages 3-5 years old
- ⌘ Services are year round
- ⌘ Services offered at a licensed childcare center
- ⌘ Breakfast, lunch, and/or snack provided
- ⌘ For families in need of full-time child care

BENEFITS OF OUR PROGRAM



- ⌘ All services provided are FREE
- ⌘ Health and Developmental Screenings for children of ALL ages
- ⌘ Supportive staff
- ⌘ Parental involvement
- ⌘ Individualized learning
- ⌘ Community involvement
- ⌘ Meet other families and children