



CELEBRATING AN UNFORGETTABLE SCHOOL YEAR

"We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors." ~ President Lyndon B. Johnson

Head Start began as a summer camp in 1965 and since then the program has expanded to serve over 37 million children and families across the U.S. Our Community Action Program Committee has been providing Head Start services since its inception. Even as the pandemic hit our community, our CAPC Head Start team continued to educate children and engage families.

I am proud to say we are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children in our program this year. The teachers have seen an increase in the number of children who are meeting or exceeding expectations in school readiness domains including language, social-emotional, relationships, cognitive, and writing.

Although our face-to-face time with families was put on hold due to the pandemic, we were still able to connect with families via phone, email, and the parent portal.

I want to personally thank our families for your continued support of our program and for being patient as we have worked together to navigate the changes that have been happening for two years now.

You are your child's first and most important teacher and I encourage you to continue to be engaged in their education either now, at Head Start, and throughout their educational journey. Your child will always follow your lead and you should encourage a love for school.

For those children transitioning to kindergarten, I wish you well in your new school. Continue to grow and learn and remember you can be anything you want to be! To the children who will be coming back to Head Start or Early Head Start: I look forward to another year of watching you explore new ideas, go on adventures through the stories you read, and make new friends.

Misi Birdsall - Director of Head Start/Early Head Start

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WE'RE OPENING OUR DOORS BACK TO PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

We are delighted to welcome families back into our classrooms and facilities.

As we close out the school year, we are thrilled to have families once again dropping off and picking up their children in the classroom. As we know, the pandemic has disrupted our lives in many ways, and we had to adapt to the "new normal." We have quarantined, worn face masks, stood 6-feet away from family and friends, and even had to stop hugging and start waving (or fist-bumping) to greet each other.

On Monday, April 25, 2022, we opened our doors wide and let families back into our centers and classrooms. You can now greet your child's teacher, say hello to the other children, and see the artwork hung on the walls.

Remember, please be courteous to others while in the classroom. Respect those who choose to wear a mask, keep some distance between families, and make your visits short and sweet. We want to stay cautious and stay safe, while getting back to a version of the "old normal."

Please stay tuned for further announcements on volunteering in your child's classroom. We are intentionally taking this reopening slowly to ensure the health of our children, families, and staff.

Thank you for your patience and continued support of our CAPC Head Start team.



NEW STAFF SHOWCASE

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We have welcomed dozens of new staff into our Head Start program this year, and we celebrate each and every one of them. Please join us in welcoming the following new team members:

Melissa Birdsall Director of Head Start

Veronica Burnett..... Director of Family Engagement

Alexis Cohen Teacher Assistant

Sarah Coley Teacher

Kwendolyn Darrington Teacher Assistant

Michelle Forrest Director of Education

Carla Ganly Receptionist

Alyssa Hinojosa Intake Specialist

Nicole Johnson . Social Services Advocate

Brittney Jones..... Food Service Worker

Ericka Jones Intake Specialist

Cassidy Klette.... Social Services Advocate

Kimberly Krupa Chief Strategy Officer

Monica Lowe..... Teacher Assistant

Deanna McCall..... Teacher Assistant

Tameka McCormick . Health Coordinator

Kenya Miller..... Teacher Assistant

William Norwood ... Food Service Worker

Laquetta Peoples ELIS

Karina Reagan Staff Accountant

Davin Samuel.... Social Services Advocate

Almatine Sanders..... Social Services Advocate

Phillip Sanders.. Maintenance Technician

Jennifer Spann..... Infant/Toddler Teacher

Sekia Spates..... Infant/Toddler Teacher

EARLY LITERACY SKILLS



THESE SKILLS SET THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE AS A READER! EARLY LITERACY BEGINS AT HOME.

BUILDING EARLY LITERACY SKILLS OVER THE SUMMER

Michelle's Corner: Easy things you can do to help your child read:

- **Reading aloud to your child for 15 minutes** a day will help grow their vocabulary and promote healthy brain development.
- **Singing and dancing** is a great way to bond with your child, and it's fun!
- **Have your child become a publisher.** Ask them to draw a picture and tell you about a time or place. You do the same, drawing a picture and writing back to them about a special moment in your life.
- **Take a walk** around the neighborhood and talk about the different signs and what they mean. Ask if your child can pick out different letters.
- **Play "Simon Says."** It's the perfect game to address a variety of skills to help with your child's development, from body awareness to sequence skills to following (and giving) directions.



THE MILLION WORD GAP

New research shows the different numbers of words kids will have heard by age 5 based on how often parents read to them:

Never read to: 4,662 words

1-2 times per week: 63,570 words

3-5 times per week: 169,520 words

Daily: 296,660 words

Five books a day: 1,483,300 words

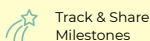
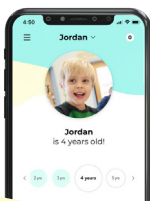
speechblubs.com



Help your child grow and thrive

Your child's early years are so very important. Tracking how your little one plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves helps you support their development.

Download CDC's free Milestone Tracker app to find fun and easy activities for each age.



Track & Share Milestones



Get Tips & Activities



Learn When to Act Early

Learn more at cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker



MILESTONES MATTER

Download the CDC Free Milestone Tracker app

Milestones matter! And for the first time in nearly 20 years, the CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics have updated developmental milestones in children. The revisions are meant to give more specific guidelines and clearer benchmarks for both families and pediatricians. That's important so teams of medical experts can identify developmental delays

Track your child's milestones from 2 months to 5 years old with the CDC's free, easy-to-use and illustrated checklists. Get tips about encouraging your child's development and find out what to do if you are concerned about how your child is developing.



LET'S GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN!

There are many ways you, as parents and parenting adults, can help prepare your child for the transition to kindergarten. What you do and how you treat others sets the model your child will follow. If you approach learning as challenging and worthwhile, your child will too.

Register your child for kindergarten

Visit the Escambia County School District enrollment portal to register your child for kindergarten at <https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/focusenrollment>. You will need to complete and submit an online enrollment application either at home or at your child's school.

BRING TO THE SCHOOL:

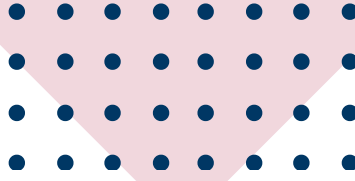
- Proof of address
- If the school you are attempting to enroll is NOT your residentially zoned school, you must also have School Choice approval prior to enrolling at the school.
- Physical within past 12 months
- Immunization records
- Verification of age (such as a birth certificate)
- Social security number (optional)

JUDY'S TIPS

You can use everyday activities to help your child gain the skills and abilities that will set them up for success.

- Encourage independence by allowing your child to choose clothes or pour milk from a small container into a cup.
- Ask your child to help with simple household chores.
- Read picture books with more complex stories, sing favorite songs and work simple puzzles together.
- Encourage your child to sort and classify by pairing the socks as you sort the laundry, spotting all blue cars on the way home from the grocery store, or sorting pictures from old magazines and catalogs.
- Encourage pretend play by providing inexpensive props — old boxes can be taped shut to become building blocks; junk mail can be used to play post office.
- Continue to TALK, TALK, TALK to your child about EVERYTHING!

Remember, you are your child's most important teacher.



COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

WE'RE HIRING! JOIN OUR CAPC FAMILY TODAY

\$500
HIRING BONUS!

Apply today and be part of our awesome organization.



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR:

- *TEACHERS**
- *TEACHER ASSISTANTS**
- *HEALTH ASSISTANTS**
- *FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATORS**
- *TRANSPORTATION MANAGER**
- *EARLY LEARNING INCLUSION SPECIALIST**
- *CENTER DIRECTORS**

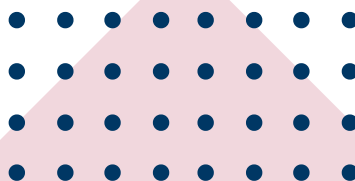
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Apply online and learn more at

www.capc-pensacola.org/careers

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ENROLL NOW!

GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START

High-quality early childhood education delivered at no charge through the
Head Start/Early Head Start school readiness program!

EARLY HEAD START

Birth to 36 months*

HEAD START

3 – 5 years*

**CALL US
EMAIL US
OR APPLY IN PERSON**

**850.308.7165
enrollment@capc-pensacola.org
2050 WEST BLOUNT STREET, PENSACOLA**

2022- 2023 SITE LIST

BRIGADIER BIRTH TO 5

401 Brigadier Street | Pensacola, FL 32507

CANTONMENT HEAD START (ages 3 to 5)

470 South Highway 29 | Cantonment, FL 32533

CENTURY BIRTH TO 5

440 East Hecker Road | Century, FL 32533

CHILDCARE NETWORK (Private Center)

2623 West Michigan Avenue | Pensacola, FL 32526

DAVIS HIGHWAY BIRTH TO 5

8570 North Davis Highway | Pensacola, FL 32514

GIBSON BIRTH TO 5

710 North "C" Street | Pensacola, FL 32501

LINCOLN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HEAD START

7600 Kershaw Street | Pensacola, FL 32534

MOLINO BIRTH TO 5 (starting at 12 Months)

6460 North Highway 95A | Molino, FL 32577

MYRTLE GROVE BIRTH TO 5 (starting at 12 Months)

5400 Lillian Hwy. | Pensacola, FL 32506

CANTONMENT HEAD START (ages 3 to 5)

470 South Highway 29 | Cantonment, FL 32533

O. J. SEMMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HEAD START

1801 North 34th Street | Pensacola, FL 32503

TITLE 1 * HEAD START * VPK SITES

Apply online at Title1.org and follow the application steps to enroll your child.

BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

4820 North Palafox Street | Pensacola, FL 32505

C. A. WEIS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

2701 North "Q" Street | Pensacola, FL 32505

ENSLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

501 East Johnson Avenue | Pensacola, FL 32514

FERRY PASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8310 North Davis Highway | Pensacola, FL 32514

GLOBAL LEARNING ACADEMY

100 North "P" Street | Pensacola, FL 32505

MONTCLAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

820 Massachusetts Avenue | Pensacola, FL 32505

O. J. SEMMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1250 East Texar Drive
Pensacola, FL 32503

WEST PENSACOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

801 North 49th Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32506

*Program age eligibility is determined by child's age on September 1

In order for your child to start school, you must provide updated physical and immunization records.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

1. Child's birth certificate
2. Proof of Residency (any bill with address or lease)
3. Proof of family income (child support, financial aid, W-2's or tax returns, and 2 current paystubs)

If Applicable

- Proof of public assistance (SSI/TANF documents)
- Guardianship paperwork
- Proof of Medicaid or health insurance

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2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 12, 2022	Open House	February 17, 2023	Teacher Planning Day (no students)
August 15, 2022	Welcome Back: First Day for Children!	March 13-17, 2023	Spring Break
September 30, 2022	Teacher Planning Day (no students)	May 23, 2023	Head Start's Last Day of School (early release)
October 28, 2022	Parent/Teacher Conferences (no students)	June 16, 2023	Teacher Planning Day (no students)
Nov 21-25, 2022	Fall Break/Thanksgiving Holidays	June 24, 2022	Teacher Planning Day (no students)
Dec 21 2022 - Jan 4, 2023	Winter Break	July 21, 2023	Extended Day and Early Head Start's Last Day of School (early release)

Please note we are closed for the following nine holidays: Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and Independence Day.

