

Program Philosophy

The Head Start Program is based on the premise that all children share certain needs and, that children from low-income families, in particular, can benefit from a comprehensive developmental program to meet those needs. Head Start is a family-oriented, comprehensive and community-based program to address developmental goals for children, support for parents in their work and child-rearing roles and linkage with other service delivery systems.

The Head Start philosophy rests on the following four basic principles:

- **A child can benefit most from a comprehensive, interdisciplinary program to foster normal development and remedy problems.**
- **Parents are the primary educators of their children and must be directly involved in the program.**
- **The well-being of children is inextricably linked to the well-being of the entire family.**
- **Partnerships with other agencies and organizations in the community are essential to meeting with family needs.**