Head Start

Annual Report Supplement
2025-2026
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Ashtabula County Head Start will empower children, families, and our community by providing support, education, and advocacy.

Who We Serve

Head Start is funded to serve 300 children (ages 0-5), expectant mothers, and their families in Ashtabula County.

We service families that have children with disabilities, are low-income or homeless, or any family who meets the income qualifications.

A family with an age eligible child becomes categorically eligible if they are receiving Ohio Works First, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP), is experiencing homelessness, or if a child is in foster care.

Program Summary

Over the past ten months, Head Start has served 377 children and 4 pregnant women from 336 families. Of those served, 267 were preschool age and 114 were infants, toddlers and pregnant women.

The percentage of enrolled preschool children that acquired medical exams is 93% and 52% received dental exams. 88% of infant and toddlers had medical and dental screenings, based on the Ohio EPSDT Schedule, in addition to 30 toddlers receiving dental exams.

The average monthly enrollment from August 2025 - May 2026 was 98.5%.

Program Options

The list below identifies the Head Start sites throughout Ashtabula County. The Program also provides services to children and families through a home visiting option.



Ashtabula

Main Avenue
4510 Main Avenue

Collins
104 W. 45th Street

Edgewood High School
2428 Blake Road

Ontario Elementary School
2304 Wade Avenue

State Road
4200 State Road

Andover

Pymatuning Valley Primary School
5571 State Route 6 West

Conneaut

Lake Shore Primary School
755 Chestnut Street

Geneva

Cork Elementary School
341 State Route 534 South

Jefferson

ATech – Building B
1565 State Route 167

Orwell

Grand Valley Elementary School
111 Grand Valley Ave. West

Audit Report for FY2025 – ACCAA received an Independent Auditors report via S.R. Snodgrass, P.C. d/b/a S.R. Snodgrass, A.C. in West Virginia for the period ending March 31, 2025 and was issued a "clean" opinion. This means that after review of financial and program records, it was determined financial reports are presented accurately and fairly in all material respects and are in compliance with the rules and regulations governing financial and program reporting.





ABOUT OUR STAFF

Head Start has 76 total staff members.

Qualifications of Staff include…

11 Preschool Teachers
4 with a Bachelor degree
4 with an Associate degree
3 in the process of earning a degree in ECE (2 with a CDA)

6 Toddler Teachers
5 with a CDA
1 in the process of earning a CDA

11 Assistant Teachers
1 with an Associate degree
9 with a CDA
1 open position

6 Home Visitors
5 with a CDA
1 in the process of earning a CDA

3 Family Advocates
1 with an Associate degree
2 with a Family Development Credential

6 Site Supervisors
1 with a Master degree
2 with a Bachelor degree
1 with an Associate degree
2 with a CDA

1 Health Manager
An RN with a Master degree

3 Program Managers
2 with a Bachelor degree
1 with a Specialized Certification

1 Coordinator
Has a Bachelor degree

1 Assistant Director
Has a Bachelor degree

1 Director
Has a Bachelor degree

How We Prepare Children for Kindergarten

- School readiness goals are established and aligned with Frog Street Curriculum, DRDP (Desired Results Developmental Profile) Assessments, the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework, as well as, Ohio Learning and Development Standards.
- Home visits and parent conferences are conducted with families to assist children with school readiness skills by discussing children's developmental strengths, as well as areas to strengthen for kindergarten entry.
- Monthly Parent Meetings are offered at each site and include a host of parent chosen topics, such as "Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten" and "Developmental Milestones".
- Head Start classrooms are designed to provide developmentally appropriate activities and instruction that will enhance each child's developmental needs.
- Classroom staff continually observe each child, document observations, and provide activities to assist each child with specific skills needed to further their development.
- Head Start assists children and families with the transition from Head Start to Kindergarten.
- All children receive developmental, social emotional, speech, vision and hearing screenings within forty-five (45) days of enrollment. These screenings allow for timely referrals to various local agencies, as well as, Local Education Agencies (LEA) if necessary.

Family Engagement Within Our Program

Families play a huge role in the Program, and engaging families in their child's learning process is a critical piece of Head Start. From being a part of everyday successes in the classroom to having a say in how our Program is run.

Informal and planned communication happens every day! Staff and families discuss children's progress, classroom happenings, assisting families with setting and reaching goals, as well as providing various resources. This is done via home visits, conferences, parent meetings, informal conversations and group socializations.

Behavioral Specialists are available to assist families, as needed, with various issues.

Parent Meetings and Policy Council provide families an opportunity to voice concerns regarding policies and programming as well as helping to plan family events.

Activities to promote male engagement are offered throughout the year. Getting men involved in a child's education as early as possible has many positive effects. Events like the *Cardboard Challenge, Movie Night, Evening at the Races, and Reading is our Super Power* (dads reading to the class) allow children and the men in their lives time to enjoy special activities together and to welcome men into early education.