



ESSENTIAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CONTACTS

THIS RESOURCE IS A COMPILATION OF KEY EARLY CHILDHOOD CONTACTS BY STATE.

Remember to determine if the preschool/early childhood education (ECE) programs are considered "preschools" for the purposes of McKinney-Vento.

School House Connections has created a tool to help you determine a program's status. You can find the [tool](#) on their website. [CLICK HERE FOR THE BY-STATE RESOURCE](#)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

EARLY HEAD START

Programs provide family-centered services for low-income families with very young children. These programs are designed to promote the development of children and enable their parents to fulfill their roles as parents while moving toward self-sufficiency.

HEAD START

Head Start takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of young children, with 4 major components: education, health, parental involvement, and social service. They are nationally recognized for high quality, using a whole child, and a whole-family approach, upon a foundation of increasing racial and economic equity. This is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development.

IDEA, PART C/EARLY INTERVENTION

A federal grant program that assists states in operating a comprehensive statewide program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, ages birth through age 2 years, and their families.

HOUSING RESOURCES

These links will take you to the state resources for housing, emergency housing, shelters and/or supportive services for people experiencing homelessness.



STATE/ DISTRICT/ TITLE I FUNDED PRESCHOOL

Preschool programs, typically for 3 or 4 year old children that are funded by the state, district or Title I. There may be eligibility criteria for participation.

LOCALLY FUNDED PRESCHOOL OPERATED BY LEA

LEAs may offer onsite child care or preschool programs that may be locally funded, tuition-based or a combination of funding streams may flow into these programs. If the LEA has program oversight, this is considered an eligible program for purposes of McKinney-Vento homeless education.

CHILD CARE

Included links are for state-licensed child care providers or agencies supporting this work.



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