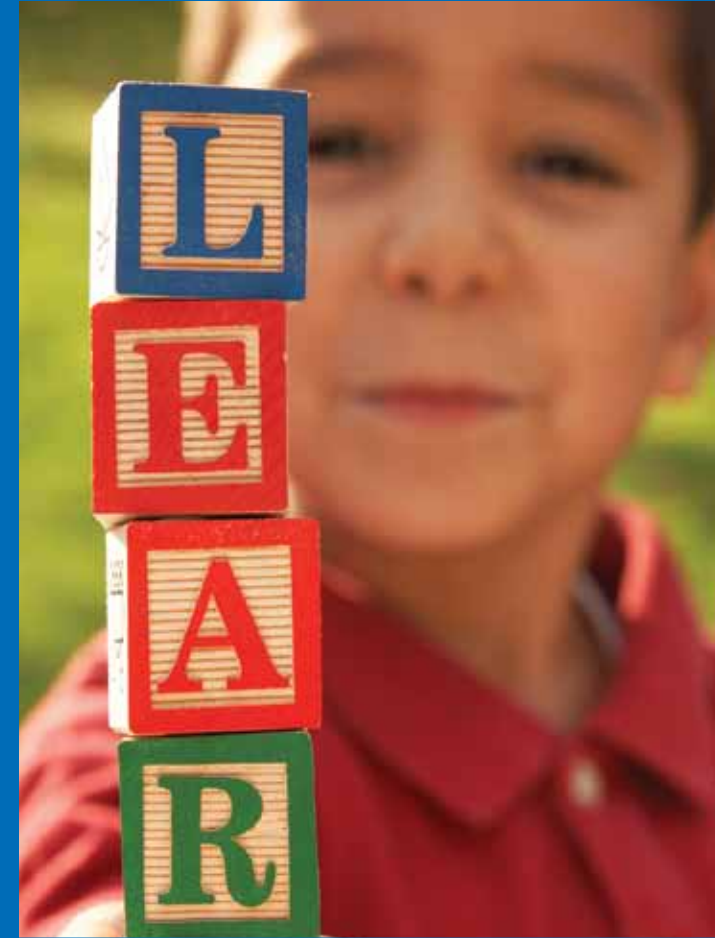




# Head Start at Children's Friend



## Mission

The mission of Children's Friend is to promote the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable children by providing flexible, effective and culturally relevant services that support and strengthen families and communities.



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## What is Head Start?

Head Start is a comprehensive child and family development program that promotes school readiness in low-income preschool children.

Well-trained professionals partner with families to provide culturally competent services.

The program helps children develop skills in language, literacy, math, science and other areas that will help to prepare them for kindergarten.

Health, dental and nutrition services nurture the child's healthy development and promote life-long well-being. Children receive nutritious meals and snacks while participating in the program.

Families receive support in meeting their needs and achieving goals.

Parents are involved in their children's learning, provide a voice and governance in the program through Parent Committees and the Policy Council and are welcomed as volunteers.

Head Start welcomes children with disabilities & special needs.

## How does it work?

Children's Friend Head Start has a number of program options to meet the needs of families and children. Most children participate in a center-based preschool classrooms. Some children, whose parents are working, or in school or vocational training, participate in an extended day program at a Children's Friend Head Start site, or with our Child Care/Head Start partners. A small number of families participate in a home-based program.

## Is there a cost to participate?

No. Head Start is free to those who qualify.

### Who is eligible?

- Children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1.
- Family income must be at or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- Families must live in Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Cumberland, or Lincoln.
- Homeless children, children in foster care, and children with disabilities are welcomed and encouraged to apply.

For more information or to apply for Children's Friend Head Start services, please call 401-752-7500.

**Because early education is important!**