

Head Start, Early Head Start Apps Being Accepted

The Garrett County Community Action Committee Head Start and Early Head Start programs currently have openings and are accepting applications for enrollment in the 2015-2016 school year.

GCCAC officials encourage families with children age 6 weeks through 5 years old in Garrett County to apply. Parents who have children with disabilities are also encouraged to apply.

Twelve-month programs are available to help support working families, and a home-based program exists for prenatal mothers and/or infants and toddlers. Children must be at least 3 years of age by Sept. 1, 2015, to be eligible for Head Start and 6 weeks of age for center-based Early Head Start.

"As early childhood development and preschool education programs, both Head Start and Early Head Start offer services that support families and provide a safe learning environment for children," an agency spokeswoman said. "GCCAC HS/EHS provides comprehensive early childhood care and education services to promote and ensure school readiness for all children who are enrolled in the programs by offering a variety of activities for children that promote early learning in the following areas: language and literacy, math, science, social studies, art, and social and personal development."

She added that Head Start and Early Head Start services are provided by highly trained

and qualified staff. All centers are accredited and licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education.

"The Garrett County Community Action Committee Child and Family Development programs encourage participants to have a positive attitude about the value of education among working families and young people, with the goal of increasing the number of Garrett County families who are economically self-sufficient," the spokeswoman said.

For more information or to make an appointment to

complete an application, persons may call their local Head Start or Early Head Start center or 301-334-9111, ext. 6126, or 1-888-877-8111 (toll free), ext. 6126.