

BCCAP Head Start and

Early Head Start

2018-2019 Parent Orientation



Greetings to Children and Families!

From:

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Welcome to the Program!

From:

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What Is Head Start & Early Head Start ?

- A Federally funded early childhood program providing comprehensive development services to age and income eligible children (birth to 5) and their families, including children with disabilities
- Began in 1965 as a summer program through local public schools serving 561,000 children.
- 2016 Head Start & EHS served approximately 1,007,000
- For more information about Head Start & EHS history visit: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc>

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Seham Azabawi

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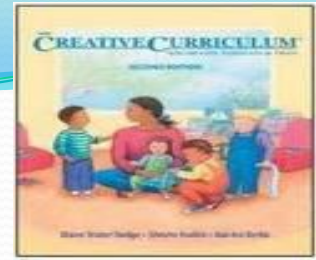
Jennifer Carley- Price

Curriculum

All Classrooms use the Creative Curriculum

This curriculum;

- Uses exploration and discovery as a way of learning.
- Enables children to develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical thinking skills.
- Is based on 38 objectives for development and learning,
- Fully aligned with the *Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework* as well as early learning standards for every state.



The Meaning and Importance of Play

- Play is the work of children at this developmental stage. Through play your child learns socialization skills, Language skills, Cognitive skills, Problem solving skills, and Physical Development.
- All of these skills are very important in the development of your child.



What is School Readiness?

The Office of Head Start defines school readiness as children possessing the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for success in school and for later learning and life



BCCAP Head Start's approach to prepare children to be school ready

- Comprehensive School Readiness Goals/Plans that focuses on the whole child and the families
- Adequate and Qualified Staff
- Researched Based Curriculum
- Researched Based Assessment Tools
- Monitoring and Reporting of Children's progress
- Family Engagement
- Acquiring all necessary Health and Nutrition information for all children

BCCAP Head Start/Early Head Start School Readiness Goals

Include:

- Approaches to Learning,
- Cognitive, Language,
- Literacy Development,
- Social & Emotional Development
- Mathematics

Child Outcome Results for Head Start/ Early Head Start program year 2017-2018 are available online at

bccapheadstart.org

Researched based assessment Tools:

- **Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)** Measures quality of teacher-child interactions
- **Aligned Assessment System *GOLD***
- **Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale Third Edition (ECERS-3) and the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS)** are Environmental Quality Instruments that helps to predict positive child outcomes in classrooms.

CLASS

Measures the following Domains

- **Emotional Support** assesses the degree to which teachers establish and promote a positive climate in their classroom through their everyday interactions.
- **Classroom Organization** assesses classroom routines and procedures related to the organization and management of children's behavior, time, and attention in the classroom.
- **Instructional Support** assesses the ways in which teachers implement the curriculum to effectively promote cognitive and language development.

Early Head Start Home Based Option

Home Based Supervisor

Toxi Miller

609 726-1482

Home Visitors

Ingrid Rivera

Yvonne Robles

Ayanna Martin

Essence Thompson

EHS Home Based Curriculum

- All Home Visitors utilize the “Partners for a Healthy Baby Home Visiting Curriculum
- This evidenced-based series stresses the importance of prenatal and early childhood development and the power of early family relationships.
- Lessons are created specific to your individual child’s overall development

Partners for a Healthy Baby Home Visiting Curriculum



EHS Home Based Continued...

- Trained Home Visitors will visit your home once a week.
- Home visits provide comprehensive services to support and strengthen the relationships between infants, toddlers and their parents.
- Parents are encouraged and supported to later recreate and build on the activities that are introduced during the home visit.
- Socializations for all Home Based families are provided at our Pemberton Center two times per month.
- The socialization experiences support the goals established during the home visits.

Family and Community Partnership Coordinator



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Family Partners

W. Frederick C. Knighten III

- Tawona Hill
- Rita Jenkins
- Michelle Horan
- Keshia Flewellen

Carolynn E. Henderson

- Patricia Goldwire
- Fatima Feriha Inan
- Maria Figueroa
- Yvette Carpenter

Browns Mills Head Start and Early Head Start

- Donna Wilbur

When do I contact my Family Partner/Home Visitor?

- Family is relocating; change in address, phone number, or emergency information
- Child is absent or has an illness
- Family emergencies or crisis
- Need support with family/personal concerns
- Interested in Head Start workshops, activities or volunteering
- Family Partnership Agreement
- Need resources/referrals
- Have questions or concerns



Family Engagement

Parent and family engagement in Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) is about building relationships with families that support family well-being, strong relationships between parents and their children, and ongoing learning and development for both parents and children.

BCCAP Head Start and Early Head Start provides resource support, opportunities for parents to participate in decision making roles and volunteer experience though-out the program

Parent Activities/Workshops

- **ESL classes**
- **Fatherhood Group**
- **Winter Feast**
- **Movie Night**
- **Skating Party**
- **Read Across America Celebration**
- **Health and Wellness Fair**
- **Week of the Young Child**
- **Parent CDA Internship Program**
- **We will sent information on all our activities and workshops. We encourage you to attend!**

Parent Workshop: ICPS (I Can Problem Solve)

- Sometimes all children refuse to listen, clean up their toys, or otherwise test your limits.
- Find out how you and your child can talk together to identify and solve problems.
- Learn different parenting skills while meeting with other parents.
- One night a week for six weeks starting in January.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Observe or help out in the classroom
- Attend Classroom's Planning Meeting and give input to teaching staff on classroom activities.
- Attend Parent Workshops and Support Groups
- Attend Parent Committee-Monthly parent meetings starting in Oct.
- Become a Policy Council Representative for your center
- Become a member of the Burlington County Council for Young Children.
- Participate in the CDA Program and receive the CDA Certificate
- Volunteer in the kitchen and receive the Serve Safe Certificate

Additional volunteer opportunities:

bus monitor, kitchen assistant, health screenings, office, gardener, etc.

Health/Nutrition Services

Natalie Mitchem

BCCAP Head Start/Early Head Start

(609) 261-2323 x 5020



We are a team!



- **The Health Coordinator works closely with all staff to be your partners in Health and Wellness!**
- **If you have problem meeting guidelines for required health documents contact your Family Partner before your child's first day of school.**
- **Parents and Guardians are not allowed to bring in Birthday cakes or outside food!**
- **You are welcome to participate in classroom healthy cooking experience, menu planning, Garden Tower planting (free vegetables for families that assist with Garden Towers and planting) and join the Health Advisory Service Committee - see your Family Partner today to sign up!!!!**

Health Requirements



- Physical Examination – LEAD TEST, VISION, HEARING, HCT/HGB results –complete physical - **due NOW** - no exceptions!
- Dental Examination required every 6 months for children 0 to 6 years - no exceptions. The Pediatrician will exam infant gums and complete dental form. Failure to comply with requirement can be considered NEGLECT because dental problems can cause death and severe infections– Fluoride Treatment, Cleaning of Teeth and X-ray
- Immunizations – Current and Up date
- Flu Vaccine will be required by Burlington County Health Department - if your child is not vaccinated by Jan 1st, he/she will not be allowed to return to school. Call the Health Department if you have questions or exemption info

Doctor's Note Required!

- Asthma Action Plan, Food Allergy Action Plan, Seizure Action Plan from your child's doctor is required if required **before the first day of school.**
- Doctors note for all prescribed medication!
- We do not give medication without a doctor's note!
- Doctor's note is required for all food allergies, food restrictions and religious requirements. A doctor's note is **REQUIRED before the first day of school.**



Nutrition & Fitness



- We serve nutritious food and snacks!
- Physical activity is included everyday!
- Water is a healthy beverage served every day at snack time.
- Running, playing, jumping and all body movement is important to learning and brain development!!!



Prepare today for the 1st Day of School.....

- All parent health forms must be **completed** by the parent or guardian – **TODAY!!**.
- Inform us immediately of all health concerns or information that we need to know to ensure the health and wellness of your child **before the first day of school**.
- Please read Parent Handbook for sick child instructions. If your child is sick or has a fever, your child **must stay HOME until they are well**.
- **Need Health Insurance** - New Jersey offer NJ Family Care. Speak to your Family Partner today to schedule an appointment to see if your child and your family qualify for NJ Family Care Health Insurance.
- **Need a doctor or dentist** for your child or family call South Jersey Medical Center today - locations in Burlington, Cherry Hill and Pemberton, NJ - **offers low cost. Call 609-386-0775**
- **In case of Emergency or Natural Disaster** - we need a current and up to date telephone number and email in order to contact you in case of emergency. Make sure you have a reliable emergency contact numbers, friends, family and if you work a back up plan to pick up your child from school in case your child is sick or there is an emergency

Health Resources and Disaster Preparedness (Oct 18 -Earthquake Drill Day at BCCAP Head Start.)

- Please read the **Parent Handbook** at bccapheadstart.org
- Health Department offers FREE Well Child Physical Examinations and Immunizations for children that do not have Health Insurance call 609-265-5548.
- Need a Doctor or Dentist call South Jersey Medical Center today 609-386-0775
- Need Health Insurance - speak to your Family Partner today.
- WIC in Mt . Holly offers FREE services & food for Pregnant Women and Children.
- Disaster Preparedness - visit www.readygov - A Hurricane can take place in New Jersey (2012) this area - deaths, power outage and home damage. Are you prepared? Emergency Food, Water, Batteries, Medications, Diapers etc..

Disabilities /Mental Health Services

Bonnie Sheipe-Warthen
Disabilities Mental
Health Coordinator
609-261-2323 x5019

Children with Disabilities

- Each child is unique and has lots to offer all other children within a classroom.
- All Head Start classes are inclusion classes. Children with disabilities (i.e. language delay, cerebral palsy, learning delays, etc.) and typically developing children learn at their own level through play in the same classroom.
- If you have concerns about your child's development, speak to your child's teacher or call Bonnie Sheipe-Warthen at 609-261-2323 x5019.

Speech Therapy

- Speech Therapy: Children with possible language delay in their primary language may be screened by the speech therapist.
- If further evaluation is needed parents will be helped to make a referral to the Child Study Team or a speech and language clinic.
- If eligible a limited amount of speech therapy may be offered at Head Start.

Mental Health

- **Drop-in time** - free, confidential time to speak with our psychologist - offered three times a month
- **Play therapy** - Perform Care - 1-877-652-7624
- **Mental health list** - on line at bccapheadstart.org
- **Questions?** Contact Bonnie Sheipe-Warthen - 609- 261-2323 ex. 5019

Screenings

- Each child will be screened for:
 - Overall development with the Early Screening Inventory (HS) or Brigance Screening (EHS).
 - For resiliency with the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment- DECA (HS), DECA I/T (EHS)
 - As well as for vision and for hearing within the first two months of entry.
- If there appears to be a concern in any of the screenings, staff will contact you to discuss concerns with you.

Key things to Remember

What children should wear & bring to School:

- Comfortable clothing that is easily washable is best.
- Sneakers or rubber soled shoes with toes covered are recommended for your child's safety.
- Ensure that your child always has a complete change of clothes in center regularly (**blankets and sheets will be provided**).
- Make sure you check and see that your child's clothing is appropriate for the weather.
- Be sure and label each item of your child's clothing and belongings with permanent marker. (The teachers will have markers available in the classroom)
- **No book bags; except for children who are also receiving services from the school district.**

School Closing



- To find out if your Center is closed, due to weather conditions, please turn to KYW Radio Station, (1060 on the am dial), your local TV news network or www.kyw1060.com link school closings.

Carolynn E. Henderson Center - 3182

W. Frederick C. Knighten III Center - 3414

Browns Mills Center- 3411



Keeping your child safe

- Please review the brochure/pamphlet given to you.
- Brochure/pamphlet contains hours of operation, attendance information, helpful website addresses and our social media information.

Keeping your child safe cont..

- Please refer to: Keeping Your Child Safe section:
 - **Centers' doors are locked at all times**
 - **Centers have a security camera system and fingerprint system.**
 - **You need to ring the doorbell and look into the camera. Once buzzed in, place your fingerprint on the pad to unlock the door.**
 - **Please have picture identification with you at all times.**

Transportation Service Area

Tammy Joyce- Transportation Supervisor

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Safety Starts At Home

Before your child steps out the door, make sure he or she knows to :

- Cross at intersections only.
- Never cross from in-between parked cars.
- look left, right and left again before crossing
- always listen for traffic



Safety Starts At Home

- Wear white or light colored clothing when walking at night. Attached reflective materials to coats and shoes or wear reflective armbands.
- walk as far off the roadway as possible in areas with no sidewalk,
- walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.



TEACH YOUR CHILD SAFE PEDESTRIAN HABITS



Lets prevent traffic accidents involving children by teaching them good pedestrian safety habits. Go over these tips with your children and then take them for a walk to make sure they practice what they have learned.

Many children are killed or injured in non-intersection accidents when they run into the road from between parked cars.

Transportation

- Reminder: No transportation for EHS and Head Start extended care. The program has limited bus slots, therefore we can't guarantee transportation for all children.
- Please see the transportation table your child's bus assignment as applicable.

Release of Children



- Children will only be delivered to an adult person that you have listed at enrollment
- Driver and Monitor will require Identification until they become familiar with the adults listed on the form.
- Any changes must be made in person through your family partners.



What Is School Bus Safety

- Following Rules: Children need to know and follow safety rules for:
 - Walking and crossing
 - Getting on and off the bus
 - Riding the bus



What Do Parents Have To Do With School Bus Safety?

- School bus safety is a serious matter
- Millions of children travel safely by bus each school day. But bus-related mishaps do happen!
- You can make a difference by:
 - Monitoring your child's bus stop
 - Working with the school to promote school bus safety
 - Reinforcing safety rules at home
 - Being a positive role model



Loading and Unloading



- Parent or authorized adult escort the child to and from the bus steps
- Step away from the bus
- Allow the bus monitor to escort the child to their seat and buckle them in.
- Wait for the arrival of the bus at your centralized location.
- Bus monitor will escort your child to the top of the bus step
- Greet your child at the bottom of the steps holding their hand to ensure a safe exit.

Missed the bus??



Morning:

- Please drive your child to the center.
- Children will be accepted at 9AM.
- Please park in the spaces provided and not in the bus loading zone.
- Sign your child into their classroom.
- Bus will take your child home in the afternoon.

Afternoon:

- Children will be returned to the center after the last child on the bus route is released.
- Parent or authorized adult will be required to sign out and pick up the child at the center immediately
- Failure to escort your child from the bus in the PM will result in the suspension of transportation services.

Transportation cancellations

Inclement Weather

- Closings Listed on the local KYW News Radio 1060AM and Channel 3 KYW televised news.
- Center may be open with no transportation. You may take your child in at 9AM and pick them up by 3PM.

Mechanical Brake downs

- Parents will be notified by staff .
- It is the parents responsibility to transport their child to and from the center in this event.





Transportation Cancellations cont.

NJ State Inspection

- February all buses will be inspected.
- You will receive notification of the dates prior to this event.



No replacement bus driver available

- **The Law requires that two adults be present on the bus at all times.**
- **In the event the bus driver or monitor are absent, and no substitute are available, transportation will be cancelled.**
- **It will be up to you to provide transportation for your child.**

Unaccepted Items on the school bus!!

- Toys, stuffed animals, books, food, and candy.
- Umbrellas
- Medicine (unless **proper** authorization is approved)
- Personal items such as blankets and binkies.
- Book Bags and/or Pillows

Head Start provides your children with all the necessary food and educational material.

**Thank You and Welcome to
BCCAP Head Start
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**Please visit the
resource tables!
bccapheadstart.org**