

ENROLLMENT

Apply online using our Client Portal, scan the QR code below, or the link can be found on our website - www.nekcap.org. For more information or to locate your county's Child and Family Advocate (CFA) visit our website at www.nekcap.org and click on Contact Us. For enrollment you will need to provide your income documents (for one year/most recent tax return or at least three months - reflecting the current situation of the family) and insurance cards. Child's birth certificate (or hospital birth record) and immunization record are preferred but not required. If you do not have these documents the CFA will work with you to obtain them.

Automatically Eligible Families:

- Recipients of SNAP, TANF or SSI
- Foster Care Providers
- Homeless/Living with someone



Early Head Start is funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.



NEK-CAP, Inc. Offices:

Administrative Office (Hiawatha)
785-742-2222 ~ www.nekcap.org

Atchison County (Atchison)
Early Head Start & Outreach Office: 913-367-7114
Head Start Center: 913-367-7848

North Brown County (Hiawatha/Sabetha)
Early Head Start & Head Start Center: 785-300-0109

South Brown County (Horton)
Early Head Start & Head Start Center: 785-486-2965

Doniphan County (Troy)
Early Head Start: 785-985-2619

Jackson County (Holton)
Early Head Start & Head Start Center: 785-364-2109

Jefferson County (Oskaloosa)
Early Head Start: 913-547-1362
Head Start Center: 785-338-1752

Leavenworth County (Lansing)
Early Head Start & Head Start Center: 913-651-5692

Marshall County (Marysville)
Early Head Start: 785-562-2941

Nemaha County (Seneca)
Early Head Start & Head Start Center: 785-336-2927

Pottawatomie County (Wamego)
Early Head Start & Head Start Center: 785-508-2120

AT, BR, DP, & LV Counties
Community Services: 913-367-7114

JA, JF, MS, NM, & PT & Counties
Community Services: 785-851-0707

JW, MC, OB, RP, SM & WS Counties
Community Services: 785-547-7136

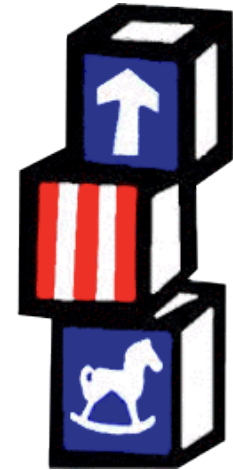
Riley County (Manhattan)
Community Services: 785-741-9134



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NEK-CAP, Inc.

We provide comprehensive education and social services to low-income community members through collaborative partnerships focused on promoting the development of individuals and families, empowerment, and economic security.



Early Head Start



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NEK-CAP, Inc. EARLY HEAD START 0-3



Early Head Start provides services to children ages 0-3 years old including infants, toddlers, and pregnant women in nine of NEK-CAP, Inc.'s 16-county service area. It promotes healthy prenatal outcomes, healthy babies, enhances the development of infants and toddlers, and promotes healthy/self-reliant families. Early Head Start services are FREE to eligible prenatal women and children!



SOCIALIZATION

The Early Head Start program focuses on socialization of infants and toddlers; the most important relationship at this age is between children and their parents. Socialization between infants and toddlers and their peers is important but is not the focus. Socialization gives parents a chance to be in a setting where they can interact with their child, other parents, and qualified staff to learn more about their child's development and develop more as a family. It is one more option for families to receive support and education. Socialization helps with community and team

building by bringing many different members together and increasing communication and relationship.

Early Head Start works closely with parents to assist them in developing and using individual and family strengths to successfully meet personal and family objectives. Parents are encouraged to become involved in all aspects of the program, from participation in socializations to direct involvement Parent Committee and Policy Council.

HOME-BASED PROGRAM

Early Head Start home-based programs provide comprehensive and intensive services to pregnant women and children through age three (3). Early Head Start programs have many different goals, such as promoting healthy prenatal outcomes, enhancing the development of very young children, and promoting healthy family functioning.

This home-based program will provide all services through weekly home visits, and offers at least two socialization opportunities per month, as selected by NEK-CAP Policy Council, Multi-County Board, parents and staff.



GROWING GREAT KIDS™

NEK-CAP Inc. Early Head Start utilizes the Growing Great Kids™ Curriculum in our home-based program. This curriculum is parent and child development focused. Growing Great Kids™ is a user friendly and truly comprehensive strength-based approach to growing nurturing parent-child relationships and supporting healthy childhood development. This prenatal to 36-month curriculum is research and practice based that supports parenting, attachment, child development, and family building.



NEK-CAP, Inc. Early Head Start utilizes the DRDP (2015) on-line assessment tool. This is a comprehensive assessment tool for early childhood education programs that is based on the latest research, proven valid and reliable, and is fully aligned with Kansas Early Learning Standards and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.



NEK-CAP, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.