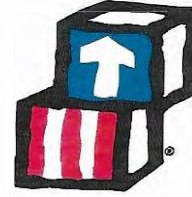




Stafford County Early Childhood Center
Head Start, Early Head Start &
Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)
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Dear Parent,

Stafford Schools Head Start/Early Head Start/VPI is a federally and state funded program sponsored by the Stafford County School Board. The program is designed to develop readiness skills for children and nurture families, offering developmental education, health, nutrition, mental health, and social services. There are three qualifications for enrollment:

- 1) The child's family must live in Stafford County or meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness.
- 2) For Head Start the child must be three or four years old by September 30th. Early Head Start serves pregnant women, infants and toddlers.
- 3) The family income must meet federal guidelines or the child must be placed by Stafford Schools Special Education Department.

If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 by the end of September you might be interested in applying. If you have a friend or neighbor with a young child, please pass this letter on to them. If accepted your child will attend school Monday through Friday, 8:30-3:00. He/she will receive free breakfast, lunch and snack, along with free bus transportation and all school supplies. Early Head Start does not provide transportation. You can apply online at <https://www.staffordschools.net/Domain/37> and click on online application link under the **Parent** tab. **If you have previously applied for any child in your family the online application will not work for you. In such case please call us for a paper application.** For any further question please call the Rising Star number listed below. Thank you for considering Early Childhood Education Center for your child's educational and social needs

You also have an option of scanning the QR Reader below with your smart phone to access the Head Start/ Early Head Start/ VPI application.



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