



Your child may be eligible for free preschool

ELIGIBILITY:

The family must reside in St. Clair County or a St. Clair County school district area and meet age and income requirements.

TO ENROLL, THE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST:

- Complete an enrollment application to determine eligibility.
- Provide the child's original state-certified birth certificate for proof of age.
- Provide proof of residence such as current rental agreement, mortgage receipt, utility bill, property tax info, etc. These must be recent, and the name on the bill or document must be of a parent/guardian of the student.
- Provide a copy of the child's current physical, up-to-date immunization record, and proof of household income.

See if your child qualifies:

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Preschool

in St. Clair County



Submit your information online:

<http://bit.ly/applystclair>

or scan this QR code



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0-5 Head Start

About Head Start:

Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages 3-5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. Head Start programs provide comprehensive support services to families including health, nutrition, dental and social services, as well as a high-quality preschool for children.

AGE REQUIREMENT: Children ages 3-5. Eligible children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2017. Children do not need to be potty trained.

TIME AND DAYS:
3.5 hour session (AM or PM)
Monday-Thursday
September-May

FOOD PROGRAM: Meals and snacks provided.

TRANSPORTATION: Provided in most areas.

About Early Head Start:

Early Head Start is a child development program that is offered to pregnant women, infants and toddlers under 3. It is a home-based program with weekly visits to your home and regular playgroups for parent(s) and child. Center-based programming may be available.

The USDA is an equal-opportunity provider and employer.



About the Great Start Readiness Program:

GSRP is Michigan's state-funded preschool program for 4-year-olds with factors that may place them at risk. The program is administered by the Michigan Department of Education. All St. Clair County GSRP classrooms have a Great Start to Quality 4-star rating.

The program is free and eligibility is primarily based on income. Over income families may be eligible, but must to pay a fee based on a sliding scale.

AGE REQUIREMENT: Eligible children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2017, but not yet 5 years old.

TIME AND DAYS:
3 hour session (AM or PM) or full-day session
Monday-Thursday
September-May

FOOD PROGRAM: Snacks provided for part-day program; meals and snacks provided for full-day program.

TRANSPORTATION: Provided in some areas.

What if my child is not eligible?

Tuition-based programs are available throughout St. Clair County. For a listing of licensed programs visit greatstarttoquality.org or scan this QR code.



Why should I consider preschool for my child?

Attending a high-quality early childhood program prepares children to be successful in kindergarten and beyond. Experts agree that children who have quality early learning experiences are better prepared to be successful in school and throughout life. St. Clair County's free preschool opportunities, Head Start and the Great Start Readiness Program, use research-based curriculum to prepare children academically and socially for success in school.

What will my child learn?

Some of what your child will experience at a high-quality preschool:

- Listening and telling stories
- Singing songs and making music
- Reciting rhymes
- Learning letters and sounds
- Sorting, counting and matching
- Recognizing and writing numbers
- Cooperative play
- Physical activities

Program opportunities are in Algonac, Capac, Casco, Marine City, Marysville, Memphis, Port Huron area, St. Clair and Yale.