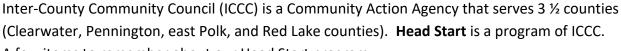
## **Inter-County Community Council**



A few items to remember about our Head Start program:

- APPLICATIONS.....are accepted ANYTIME throughout the year.
- AGES.....we serve children ages BIRTH through Kindergarten age.
- **ELIGIBILITY**.....we do have income guidelines that we must meet. HOWEVER, we are able to take over income families and there are criteria that make families **AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE**:
  - Family is receiving MFIP / DWP

Family is experiencing HOMELESSNESS

Family is receiving SSI

- Child is in FOSTER CARE
- OVER INCOME.....if there are special circumstances or high needs, we do take in families that are over income – especially if there is a diagnosed disability OR a <u>written referral</u> from a community agency (such as social services, mental health, public health, special education) that identifies a special need.
- COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES....we serve the whole child & the whole family. Our services include
  education AND health services, parent involvement / education / goal setting, mental health, nutrition,
  safety, etc.
- **PROGRAM OPTIONS**....we have a variety of program options that provide services throughout our 3 ½ counties. We work with the parent to identify the best program option for their family needs, taking into consideration programming available in their area. ALL program options offer Family Events.
  - EARLY HEAD START serving BIRTH to 3 year olds & pregnant moms HOME BASED. We provide weekly home visits, year round, to individual family homes. Visits are 90 minutes and include time for child education, parent education, goal setting, nutrition & health education for the family, and much more. (61 slots)
  - HEAD START serving 3-5 year olds HOME BASED. We provide weekly home visits, year round, to individual family homes. Visits are 90 minutes, the same as Early Head Start.
  - HEAD START COMBINATION. We provide classroom time & home visits for 3-4 year olds and their families. We work in collaboration with the school's School Readiness classrooms or private child care in the following communities:
    - RLCC Oklee (Tuesdays & Thursdays full days) (5 slots) 4 year olds
    - Win-E-Mac (2 full days one week, 3 full days the next week) (10 slots) 4 year olds
    - Fosston (Mondays & Wednesdays OR Tuesday & Thursdays full days) (10 slots) 4
       year olds
    - The Clubhouse (Monday-Friday, 8 am to 12 noon option to purchase afternoon care) (6 slots) 3 year olds
  - HEAD START CENTERS. We provide classroom time for 4 year olds in Thief River Falls and Bagley 4 FULL days a week. Please contact the ICCC office about transportation. We provide 6 home visits per year. (20 slots in Bagley, 2 rooms of 20 slots in TRF)

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