



Participating Child Care Partners:

CAP Child Care - 3 Locations

YWCA Lancaster

The Edward and Jeanne Arnold
Early Learning Center of the
Lebanon Valley Family YMCA

Early Head Start helps families get a great start!

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Early Head Start- Child Care Partnership Program



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Program Description

The Early Head Start-Child Care

Partnership Program is available for income-eligible parents/guardians who are employed or in school, with at least one child age 2 or younger.

Our program provides:

- FREE child care (including meals and diapers)
- Educational activities to help children learn and grow
- Help getting families community services and medical/dental care
- Support and tools for the child's first and most important teacher – Mom, Dad, and/or Guardian!



FAQs from Parents

Q. Who will be taking care of my child?

A. Our qualified, trained caregivers and teachers will care for your child. We follow state regulations for child care centers, and The Office of Child Development and Early Learning monitors our program.

Q. Will someone feed my child and change his/her diapers?

A. Yes!! We provide food and diapers for your child at no cost. Our caregivers are here to take care of your child's needs!

Q. Is it really free?

A. The state subsidizes child care based on family income levels. If you meet income eligibility, child care will be free or at a small co-pay. All of the services and supports provided by the Early Head Start program are paid for by a grant. They are free to the parents/guardians.

Q. Will my child be with other children?

A. Yes – Children participating in Early Head Start are a part of the excellent classes, activities, and care already provided by the child care centers that partner with the program. Classroom max is 8 children.

Q. Does Early Head Start help my family, too?

A. Yes! Parents/Guardians are their child's first and most important teachers! And we know as a new parent/guardian (or the parent/guardian of a young child), there are a lot of questions. We're here to help.

Early Head Start staff will help parents/guardians:

- Learn how to **support their child's learning** and growth.
- Access social services and health care needs.
- Give their child a "head start" so they can be ready for preschool.

Q. How do I get my child to the program?

- A. You may bring your child however works best for you.
- If you need a car seat for your car, please check with us as we may be able to help.
 - If you need a child carrier for a bus – or help finding a bus route – we will do our best to help.
 - If you will be walking and need a stroller, again, please let us know and we will help however we can.

Q. Are there any requirements from me?

A. Parents/Guardians must be in school or employed, and meet income requirements. The program also includes time for parents/guardians and our staff to work together to meet your child's needs and prepare him or her for a great start to school when it's time for preschool.

Q. How do I know if I'll qualify?

A. Eligibility is based on your family's income and size, and if you are working or in school. Please contact us, and our staff will work with you to determine if you are eligible.

Q. Where can I find out more information?

A. Call or email EarlyHeadStart@iu13.org or 717-947-1740. Check out our website at <http://www.iu13.org/EarlyHeadStart>.

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