



PROGRAM OPTIONS

The City of Oakland Head Start/Early Head Start is a federally and state funded early childhood education program aimed to promote school readiness of children ages birth to five for low-income families by supporting their growth and development. The program offers free early childhood education and care, prenatal education and family services to eligible Oakland residents.

CENTER-BASED (Classroom Setting)

Hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

EARLY HEAD START:

- ❖ **Broadway** – 2619 Broadway
 - 0 – 3 years
- ❖ **West Grand** – 1058 West Grand
 - 0 – 3 years
- ❖ **San Antonio Park** – 1701 E. 19th St.
 - 18 meses – 3 years
- ❖ **Arroyo Viejo Park** – 7701 Krause Ave
 - 18 months – 3 years

EARLY HEAD START & HEAD START:

- ❖ **85th Avenue** – 8501 International Blvd.
 - 0 – 5 years
- ❖ **Lion Creek** – 6818 Lion Way, Suite #110
 - 18 months – 5 years

HEAD START: 3 - 5 years

- ❖ **Brookfield** – 9600 Edes Ave
- ❖ **Franklin** – 1010 E. 15th Street
- ❖ **Manzanita** – 2701 22nd Ave
- ❖ **San Antonio CDC** – 2228 East 15th St.
- ❖ **Sungate** – 2563 International Blvd.
- ❖ **Tassafaronga** – 975 85th Ave.
- ❖ **Laney College** – 900 Fallon Street
- ❖ **Merritt College** – 12500 Campus Drive

Family Child Care Providers (Homes)

City of Oakland, in partnership with BANANAS – Tiny Steps, offers early childhood education services at Child Care Provider homes. The providers offer the same services expected at the Head Start / Early Head Start centers. The homes are licensed and governed by the same regulations as well. Some benefits include:

- ❖ Extended hours & year-round services
- ❖ Small group setting (teacher to student ratio)
- ❖ Many locations throughout Oakland
- ❖ Most Family Child Care providers offer services to 0 to 5 years

HOME-BASED PROGRAM

The Home Based Program option offers weekly 90-minute home educational visits with parent(s) and/or guardian from a Childhood Education Specialist to cover developmental education for pregnant women, infants, and children 2-5 years old. In addition to families receiving services right in their own home, the program also offers free socialization playgroups which are held twice a month, that include afternoon snacks and food.

For more information, please contact us at (510) 238-3165 or visit our website.

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2023 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

Household / Family Size	100% or Below	100% to 130%
1	\$14,580	\$18,954.00
2	\$19,720	\$25,636.00
3	\$24,860	\$32,318.00
4	\$30,000	\$39,000.00
5	\$35,140	\$45,682.00
6	\$40,280	\$52,364.00
7	\$45,420	\$59,046.00

Head Start is designed for low-income families. To participate in the Head Start Program, families must meet and be verified on one of the following eligibility categories (only one category will be verified).

HOMELESS FAMILIES: if your family is experiencing homelessness, your family is categorically eligible, and you are not required to submit income information.

As defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, are Individuals who lack a **fixed, regular, and adequate** nighttime residence; including families housed with other families with no abode of their own, families in a shelter program and families that are unsheltered (at streets, camps, vehicles, etc.)

- Submit shelter letter, a social services agency or school document that verifies family's homeless status.
- Submit Housing Survey Form (attached to Application Packet)

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: If your family receives one of the benefits listed below, your family is categorically eligible, and you are not required to submit income information.

- Submit proof of TANF (CalWORKS) – Cash-Aid, OR
- Submit proof of Social Security Supplemental Income (SSI), OR
- Submit proof of SNAP/Cal-Fresh, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)

FOSTER CARE. Foster children categorically eligible, and foster parents are not required to submit income information.

- Submit a Social Services Letter, Court-Order, or foster care payment statement

INCOME ELIGIBLE FAMILIES: Family gross income at/below 130% of the federal Poverty Guidelines.

If your family does not meet any category mentioned above, your family's TOTAL income for the past 12 months, OR income for previous calendar year (2022) will be verified. Income from ALL sources must be submitted. Income or lack of income will be verified for ALL adult members of the household. You can submit the following:

- 2022 IRS Tax Forms; 1040, Tax Transcript (download from IRS website), W-2 Forms (submit ALL W-2 forms)
- Pay Stubs that reflect total wages for last 12 months or previous calendar year (2022)
- Employer Letter stating total wages for last 12 months or previous calendar year (2022)

OVER-INCOME FAMILIES: Family gross income above (over) 130% of the federal Poverty Guidelines.

Families that are over-income are welcome to apply. Over-Income families will be considered for enrollment if City of Oakland determines the need based off the Head Start Performance Standards and City of Oakland Head Start Policies & Procedures. Slots will be offered to income eligible families first.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES: Families with a child who has a diagnosed disability that have a current IEP/IFSP will receive additional priority. At least 10% of the enrollment slots will be awarded to children with an active IEP/IFSP.