



Free preschool program now enrolling for Jackson County

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The Head Start program is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year.

JACKSON, MI -- Head Start, a free comprehensive preschool program, is now enrolling for the 2012-13 school year. Enrollment in the program is based on eligibility requirements of income, disability or foster children, said Mary Cunningham DeLuca, Head Start coordinator for Jackson County.

"When kids live below the poverty level, they are at risk for failure to thrive," DeLuca said. "With Head Start, kids thrive in the educational environment." For the upcoming school year, there are 563 "comprehensive" spaces available in Jackson County, DeLuca said. "By comprehensive, Head Start will address the child's physical health, nutritional health, social emotional health, their academic success and family development," she said.

To apply for Head Start, parents must bring income verification, child's proof of birth, child's Social Security number, health insurance or Medicaid card, and copy of child's health records. Applications can be completed at the Lincoln School, 154 W. Clark St., in Jackson, and appointments can be made by calling 788-6010.

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