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### Head Start Now Enrolling! Limited Spots!



(Paw Paw, MI) Tri-County Head Start is now enrolling children and expectant mothers for Fall 2021 in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties.

The program provides comprehensive services to the entire family and provides classroom experiences that support children educationally, socially, and emotionally. Tri-County Head Start serves 908 children and families each year in the classroom or in families' homes. They serve expectant mothers and children ages birth to three in the Early Head Start program, and three and four-year-old children in the Head Start program.

Services for classroom students, home-based students, and expectant mothers include but are not limited to: Education, Health, Mental Health, Dual Language, Conscious Discipline, and support from Family Advocates who connect families with other organizational partners, and work alongside the family to help them achieve their goals. The program offers an opportunity for parents to build leadership and advocacy skills by becoming elected members of the Parent Policy Council.

The Head Start program provides children with the opportunity to learn skills to be academically, socially, and emotionally ready for kindergarten.

Tri-County Head Start's Expectant Mothers Program offers prenatal education about fetal development, labor and delivery expectations, recovery, and maternal depression. When the expectant mother delivers the baby, the baby takes the place of the mother in the program and becomes enrolled as an Early Head Start student. Home Visitors assist families with setting baby goals, family goals, and help parents get the baby's brain ready for learning. They also connect families with needed resources, information, and leadership opportunities.

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Tri-County Head Start has taken the steps necessary to reduce the spread of the virus while continuing to provide quality education and resources to students and families.

The organization is excited to be celebrating 50-years of serving children and families in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties. Planned celebrations will be shared from the organization leading up to February 2022.

#### About Tri-County Head Start

Tri-County Head Start has served more than 40,000 children and families in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties since 1972. They serve both the children and their families by providing a preschool program for children to be able to begin Kindergarten school ready but also connect families with needed resources, educational, and leadership opportunities. Services are free for eligible families. Head Start provides hope and helps dreams come true. For more information, please visit [www.tricityhs.org](http://www.tricityhs.org).

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