



**TRI-COUNTY
HEAD START**
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Tri-County Head Start: 50 years of impact



Tri-County Head Start is celebrating 50 years of impacting children and families in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties. A 50-year celebration event is being planned for Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 10a-2p at the Berrien County Youth Fair site, 9122 U.S. Hwy 31, Berrien Springs. The event, open to the public, will celebrate the history and legacy of the program, highlighting alumni, current and former staff and families, and community partners.

Beginning in 1972, Orion Flowers had a vision for changing the lives of our most vulnerable children and families in our communities. Today this vision

continues as Tri-County provides services through Early Childhood Education to hundreds of children throughout three counties every year. School-based and home-based services are designed to meet preschool needs, develop skills needed to enter kindergarten, allow students to explore, grow and build developmental skills, and to strengthen parent/child relationships.

Tri-County Head Start offers a high quality, curriculum-based preschool experience to inspire and guide children birth through age 5, as well as expectant families. Tri-County Head Start offers dual language services, nutritional support services, health and mental health services, connections to community resources, and much more. They also provide vision, hearing, behavioral, social-emotional, and speech and language screenings.

Tri-County Head Start looks forward to welcoming the community to their celebration. All are welcome to join for free food, books, t-shirts, bags, prizes, and games. Community partners will provide touch-a-truck opportunities, cardio drumming, and much, much more. Join them to celebrate this historic event.



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.

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