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(8/6/24) Southern 7 Head Start is Now Enrolling for Fall Classes

Southern 7 Head Start/Early Head Start reminds families with children birth to age 5 that now is the time to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. Children who live in Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, or Union Counties may qualify for enrollment.

Head Start is a no cost, comprehensive child development program, funded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and serves families with young children age birth to five. Services include the areas of education, school readiness, social service, health and family involvement. The program provides full-day classes and has dual enrollment with Pre-K.

Children learn Kindergarten readiness skills, receive health, dental, and developmental screenings, participate in educational activities and socialization skills, and receive healthy meals and snacks.

Families with children in Head Start have access to mental health services, parent engagement and training tools, and services to children of all needs and abilities. They are also able to volunteer in the program.

To enroll in Head Start, you will need the following:

- Child's Certified Birth Certificate
- Current physical and shot records
- Proof of family income (one month of pay stubs or 2023 W2's, taxes, TANF, SNAP or SSI)
- Professional documentation to receive additional selection criteria points for admission if your child has a suspected disability

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