



Would you like your 3 or 4 year old child to
attend preschool for free
in Calhoun County?

Why should you send your child to preschool?

- Your child will learn how to interact with other kids their age
- Your child will already know what to expect when they get to school
- Your child will be more ready for kindergarten

Studies have shown that children who attend preschool:

- Are more likely to succeed in their later school years
- Develop more positive social skills with peers
- Become better readers
- Do better in Math, English & Science

All of the programs (Great Start Readiness Programs and Head Start):

- Are committed to supporting families and ensuring that every preschool child enters Kindergarten ready to learn
- Partner with local agencies to provide evaluations, specialized therapies and services for children with special needs
- Determine eligibility for children and families that meet federal and state guidelines, including income
- Provide adjustment when necessary for the successful involvement of all children
- Offer a quality educational preschool experience
- Have preschool programs that are provided free of charge
- Encourage children of all abilities to apply
- Serve children with special needs and/or disabilities
- Are licensed by the State of Michigan
- Use Creative Curriculum Gold or HighScope
- Offer opportunities for parent involvement in their child's education

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Calhoun County Birth to Five Services Application Step by Step Guide for Families

What is the Calhoun County Birth to Five Services Application?

The Calhoun County Birth to Five Services Application is for ages birth to five to receive services. The Calhoun County Birth to Five Services Application is for families to use as a pre-enrollment process for services including Great Start Readiness Programs, Head Start, Early Head Start, Early Childhood Connections, Raising A Reader and Great Parents, Great Start.

If you have already completed an application then  **You do not need to proceed to the following steps.**

Please call 269-660-1606 ext 6143 to update your application and let us know you are interested in preschool.

If you have not completed an application please  and proceed with the following steps.

step 1

Go to www.calhouncountygreatstart.org, find the Birth to Five Services application at the bottom of the page find “Click to fill out application”

*see below

Calhoun County Birth to Five Services Application



Click to fill out application



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step 2

Parent/Guardian/Other will fill out the Calhoun County Birth to Five Services Application online

- The application takes approximately 5 minutes to complete
- Make sure the application is filled out completely including risk factors
- In order for the application to be shared between agencies the box must be checked that asks if the application may be shared with all of the above-mentioned programs

Note: Early Childhood providers in Calhoun County want the completion of the Calhoun County Birth to Five Services Application to be a smooth, easy process for families. The online application provides a quick and easier way to explore opportunities for the family. We understand that not all families have access to the internet. If your family needs a paper application these can be provided through the agency you are receiving this step by step guide from. The agency will then enter the application for you.

step 3

All online applications will be reviewed and assigned to a program

Within 7 days of submission, applications will be reviewed and assigned to the appropriate agency based upon multiple factors including parent interest, child age, and for parents interested in preschool services, household income.

step 4

Parent/Guardians will be contacted by the agency

Parent/Guardians will be contacted by the agency which the student qualifies in approximately 10-15 business days after they are assigned. Depending on the agency, contact may be by letter, postcard or phone contact. If your child's application is sent to Head Start and you prefer GSRP you will need to contact Community Action and request a waiver.