



Avalon's Head Start Prekindergarten Program

Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Education Head Start/Prekindergarten provides children with a learning environment and the varied experiences, which will help them develop socially, intellectually, physically and emotionally in a manner which is appropriate to their age and stage of development. The educational program included educational experiences for meeting the needs of disabled children as well as methods of assisting parents as the primary educators of their children.

Health Health services are an important part of the Head Start/Prekindergarten Program. Good health and nutrition practices are part of the daily classroom activities. Vision, hearing, nutritional assessments, dental examinations and follow-up are required for each child. Assistance with follow-up for special needs is also provided by the Health Specialist and the Health Service Workers.

Mental Health Head Start implements a mental health program that provides tools, training, and support to teachers, staff and families to promote each Head Start child's social and emotional health. Head Start has a mental health specialist available to you and your child.

Social Services Social Services are available to families through the Family Service Workers, teachers, and support staff and through cooperative efforts with local agencies. Family support provides recruitment and enrollment services, parent involvement, advocacy and awareness of community services.

Parent Involvement Families are strongly encouraged to become actively involved in all phases of the Head Start/Prekindergarten program, such as volunteering in the classrooms, on field trips, and attending parent meetings and workshops. Parents should participate in medical and dental appointments, in special parent activities and in the decision-making process through Parent Committees, Policy Council, and the School Readiness Leadership Team.

Some Prekindergarten Activities

