

BIRTH TO 5 YEAR OLDS

GREAT PARENTS GREAT START

Great Parents Great Start is a free parent education program designed to promote intellectual, physical and emotional growth of all children birth to 5. The program includes parent education events, playgroups and parent education support for all children and parents, in addition, home visits are offered to families that qualify. For playgroup times visit www.clintongreatstart.org and click on playgroup schedule. To learn more about Great Parents Great Start call 989-224-6831.

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The Imagination Library program provides children who live within the Clinton County RESA boundaries, ages birth to five years-old, one age appropriate book a month until their 5th birthday. The books are mailed to the child's house. The six local school districts along with the Capital Region Community Foundation and the Capital Area United Way help to fund the program. Private donations also contribute to this effort. Participation may be limited due to funding. To learn more about Imagination Library call 989-224-6831.

GREAT START CONNECT

Great Start Connect is an on-line system of early learning resources, including a database of licensed/registered child care and preschool programs in Michigan. To help link parents and those caring for young children with the resources, supports and services needed to give Michigan children a Great Start. Families can access this database 24 hours a day, seven days a week to quickly and conveniently search for child care providers and preschools who match their needs. To learn more visit www.greatstartconnect.org.

PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES

To view parent or provider education offerings visit www.clintongreatstart.org

It is the policy of these agencies that no discriminatory practices based on gender, race, religion, color, age, national origin, disability, height, weight, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliations and beliefs, or any other status covered by federal, state or local law be allowed in providing instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting discriminatory practice should contact the Associate Superintendent for Special Education, 1013 South US-27, St. Johns, MI 48879, or call 989-224-6831.

Clinton County Early Childhood Programs

***Dolly Parton
Imagination Library**

***Early Childhood
Special Education**

***Early Head Start**

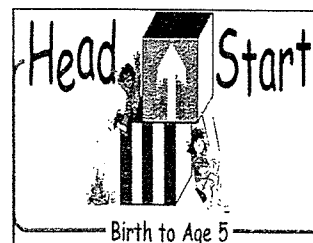
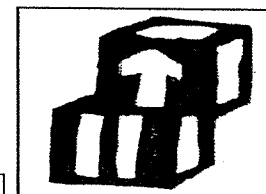
***Early On**

***Great Parents
Great Start**

***Great Start
Connect**

***Great Start Preschool
Readiness Program**

***Head Start**



BIRTH TO 3 YEAR OLDS

EARLY HEAD START

Early Head Start is a federally funded, comprehensive child development program. It offers FREE linguistically and culturally appropriate health, education and social services to income eligible families including pregnant women and/or children, ages birth to 3 years. Child-centered services of the highest quality are provided in the family's home or the childcare center. Early Head Start's family-driven philosophy empowers parents to support and nurture their children, while meeting other critical social and economic goals.

Are you Eligible?

You may be eligible if you:

Have a qualifying income

Are pregnant

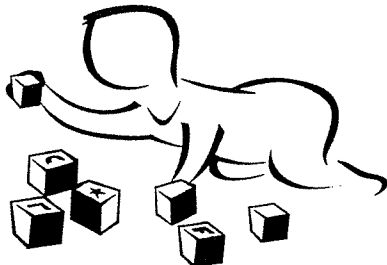
Have a child under the age of three

Have a child with a special need that is under the age of three

To learn more call (989) 224-1368 or to get an application go to www.eightcap.org

EARLY ON

Early On is a system designed to coordinate early intervention and other services for families who have children ages birth to 3 years experiencing developmental delays or medical conditions that could lead to a developmental delay. Services are delivered in the home or community setting. Following the completion of an evaluation, eligibility will be determined. To learn more about Early On call 1-800-Early-On.



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

HEAD START

Head Start is a free, federally funded preschool program for families with children who will be at least 3 years old by December 1st of the current school year. Children who meet federal guidelines, have a special need or are homeless, may qualify. Program services include a high quality preschool education, bus transportation, health screenings, family support, community resource information, parenting education, and special needs referrals. The Head Start program runs 3.5 hours per day. To learn more about Capital Area Community Services Head Start & Early Childhood Programs, call (989) 224-6731 or visit their website at www.cacsheadstart.org

GREAT START READINESS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

St. Johns and Ovid-Elsie school districts offer the GSRP preschool program operated by Kids Zone. It is a free, state funded preschool program for children who qualify. Children receive high quality developmentally appropriate instruction designed to prepare them for success in school and is based on the State of Michigan Early Childhood Standards of Quality. Children must be four years of age on or before December 1 of the school year attending, and the family must meet income eligibility and/or risk factors established by the state. The program is taught by certified teachers with an early childhood endorsement. To learn more about Kids Zone, call (517) 285-4776

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services include special instruction and related services provided to young children, ages three through five, who qualify under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA, Part B, Section 619). Young children age 3 through 5 who have a disability as defined by one of the categories of special education are eligible for preschool services.