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# Transitioning from Early Head Start



## EARLY HEAD START

Child Care Partnerships &  
Home Based Model



## Transition Information

### Home Based & Child Care Partnership

Your child will be three in the coming months and will be transitioning from the EHS program. As your family transitions, it is our goal to provide you with connections, resources, and ongoing support throughout the process. EHS will assist you in completing applications, submitting documentation, providing necessary child and family information, and visiting the center of your choice.

### What's next for your Family?

- What experiences do you want your child to have in the next 2 to 3 years?
- What are your child's strengths and needs?
- What services will your child need for success?
- What do you plan to accomplish for you and your family over the next few years?
- What support will you need to make this happen?

Please contact your assigned EHS staff member to discuss these questions and your options

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Your local library is a valuable resource for your family. Child activities and story times may be available.

**Attleboro Public Library**  
[www.sailsinc.org/attleboro](http://www.sailsinc.org/attleboro); 508-222-0157

**Brockton Public Library**  
[www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org); 508-580-7890

**Fall River Public Library**  
[www.fallriverlibrary.org](http://www.fallriverlibrary.org); 508-324-2700

**Middleboro Public Library**  
[www.midlib.org](http://www.midlib.org); 508-846-2470

**New Bedford Public Library**  
[www.newbedfordlibrary.org](http://www.newbedfordlibrary.org); 508-991-6275

**North Attleboro Public Library**  
[www.rmlonline.org](http://www.rmlonline.org); 508-699-0122

**Norton Public Library**  
[www.nortonlibrary.org](http://www.nortonlibrary.org); 508-285-0265

**Taunton Public Library**  
[www.tauntonlibrary.org](http://www.tauntonlibrary.org); 508-821-1410

West Bridgewater Public Library  
[www.westbpl.org](http://www.westbpl.org); 508-894-1255

Whitman Public Library  
[www.whitmanpubliclibrary.org](http://www.whitmanpubliclibrary.org); 781-447-7613

Contact your YMCA for information about family programs. There may be scholarship opportunities available.

**Attleboro YMCA**—Attleboro and Norton  
[www.attleboroymca.org](http://www.attleboroymca.org); 508-822-7422

**Hockomock YMCA**—North Attleboro and Mansfield  
[www.hockymca.org](http://www.hockymca.org); 508-695-7001

**Old Colony YMCA**—Middleboro, Brockton and Taunton  
[www.oldcolonyymca.org](http://www.oldcolonyymca.org); Middleboro: 508-947-1390 / Brockton: 508-583-2155 / Taunton: 508-823-3320

YMCA Southcoast—Fall River and New Bedford  
[www.ymcasouthcoast.org](http://www.ymcasouthcoast.org); Fall River: 508-675-7841 / New Bedford: 508-997-0734

## HEAD START

Head Start provides a comprehensive service for low income preschool age children, 3 to 5 years of age. Each classroom has no more than 20 children with a lead teacher and a teacher. Hours of operation vary but are typically 8:30 am to 4:30 pm., Monday through Friday. The program year begins the end of September and runs through the end of May each year. Transportation may be available for children depending on need and availability. Children receive a breakfast and lunch each day as well as an afternoon snack.

### HEAD START PROGRAMS

**Self-Help Inc.**—Attleboro / Norton / Middleboro / Brockton  
508-587-1716  
Full Day / Part Day Head Start

**Triumph Inc**—Taunton  
[www.triumphinc.org](http://www.triumphinc.org)  
508-823-4710

**P.A.C.E. Head Start**—New Bedford  
508-999-1286 / 508-984-3557  
Part Day / Full Day

### APPLYING TO HEAD START

When consent is provided, your PCA/EHSC can assist you in making the referral to Head Start. Once received, Head Start will schedule an intake appointment. EHS may attend this appointment with you as needed. Head Start will inform you if any documentation is needed to complete the application



## CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP

Early Head Start recognizes the benefits and importance of care and if your family is enrolled in the EHS Child Care Partnership model, you may choose to transition your child from your current toddler setting to the preschool rooms.

EHS and center staff will work closely with you to ensure a seamless and successful transition for your child. Some transition strategies may include:

- Visits to the classroom prior to the transition with the child's current teacher
- Completing a transition summary with detailed child & family information to help your child in their next placement
- Parent / Teacher meetings prior to the transition to get to know the new teacher and view the classrooms.

Please contact your PCC for information to begin the process of transitioning your child to the preschool classrooms.

### EHS-CCP Centers

**Brockton Day Nursery**  
243 Crescent Street, Brockton, MA  
508-588-2700; [www.brocktonday.org](http://www.brocktonday.org)

**Westfield Child Center**  
470 Torrey Street, Brockton, MA  
508-588-0100; [www.westfieldchildcenter.com](http://www.westfieldchildcenter.com)

**Early Learning Childcare, Inc.**  
322 Maxfield Street, New Bedford, MA  
508-996-3774

**Children's Express**  
114 South Main Street  
Attleboro, MA 02703  
508-222-7460  
[www.childrensexpressma.com](http://www.childrensexpressma.com)

**Story Tree Children's Center**  
25 Marsh Drive, Taunton  
508-828-1788; [www.storytreechildrenscenter.net](http://www.storytreechildrenscenter.net)

## PUBLIC SCHOOL

If your child is in Early Intervention, your services coordinator will assist you in referring your child to the public school department in your area of appropriate services. Early Head Start can also support you during this transition. If you have developmental concerns about your child and they are not enrolled in Early Intervention, EHS can support you through a self-referral to the public school system. Many areas offer preschool to typically developing children, although there may be a fee associated with this option. Please contact your PCA/EHSC or the appropriate school department for program information or to initiate this process.

### LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Attleboro Public Schools:**  
508-222-0212; [www.attleboroschools.com](http://www.attleboroschools.com)

**Brockton Public Schools**  
508-580-7500;  
[www.brocktoncommunityschools.com](http://www.brocktoncommunityschools.com)

**Mansfield Public Schools**  
508-261-7500; [www.mansfieldschools.com](http://www.mansfieldschools.com)

**Middleboro Public Schools**  
508-946-2032; [www.middleboro.k12.ma.us](http://www.middleboro.k12.ma.us)

**New Bedford Public Schools**  
508-997-4511; [www.newbedfordschools.org](http://www.newbedfordschools.org)

**North Attleboro Public Schools**  
508-643-2100; [www.naschools.net](http://www.naschools.net)

**Norton Public Schools**  
508-585-0100; [www.norton.k12.ma.us](http://www.norton.k12.ma.us)

**West Bridgewater Public Schools**  
508-894-1230; [www.wbridgewaterschools.org/](http://www.wbridgewaterschools.org/)

**Whitman-Hanson Regional Schools**  
781-618-7000; [www.whrsd.org/](http://www.whrsd.org/)