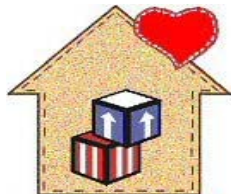



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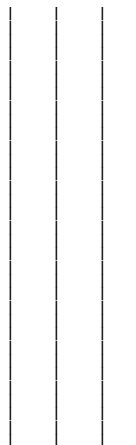


Combines Head Start and family child care into a full-day, full-year, early childhood experience for all children at a minimal cost to families. Family Child Care Providers, Head Start staff, and parents work together as a team to offer each child quality child care, which includes early childhood education, health and nutrition services, parent involvement opportunities, and social services coordination.



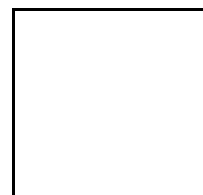
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Quality Child Care and
Head Start Services in
a Family Home Setting



What does **HomeStart** offer for children?

- ♥ Individualized programming to meet the needs of all children.
- ♥ A safe, nurturing home environment.
- ♥ Health and developmental screenings and appropriate referrals.
- ♥ Opportunities to be with siblings in a multi-age setting.
- ♥ One continuous caregiver.
- ♥ Nutritious snacks and meals.
- ♥ Learning through play and age appropriate activities.



What does **HomeStart** offer for families?

- ♥ Year-round, full-day child care.
- ♥ Flexibility to meet work and school schedules.
- ♥ When possible, one child care setting for all siblings.
- ♥ Opportunities for parent involvement in child's program (planning special events, field trips, etc.).
- ♥ Input in how the program is operated (Policy Council).
- ♥ Streamlined funding to create affordable child care fees.

What does “Head Start” services in **HomeStart** family child care mean?

- ♥ Educational activities to meet each child's individual needs.
- ♥ Well-trained, professional, caring providers.
- ♥ Information and referrals to community resources and Head Start consultants.
- ♥ Regular home visits to provide support in meeting family goals.
- ♥ Information and workshops on healthy living and parenting.
- ♥ Head Start services for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age.

HOW TO APPLY



HomeStart services are available to families who are working, going to school or a combination of both. All families must meet eligibility guidelines. We are currently located in Somerset and northern Kennebec counties.

For more information, please call:

Fairfield area: 453-4679

Waterville area: 859-1625

Skowhegan area: 859-2516

Transportation support may be available.
