



I-CARE, Inc.

2021-2022 Head Start Application

Head Start is a comprehensive Early Childhood Education program that contributes to children’s learning and development through a content rich curriculum (Creative Curriculum), learning experiences, along with School Readiness & Parent, Family and Community Engagement Goals. Head Start accepts applications throughout the year, children must have reached their 3rd birthday on or by **August 31, 2021** to be considered for enrollment. Falsifying information can result in your child losing their enrollment slot in the program. If your address or telephone number changes, please contact I-CARE, Inc. Head Start with the changes at (828) 464-1108. Applications can be mailed to:

I-CARE, Inc. Head Start, P. O. Box 7049 Statesville, NC 28687 or dropped off at the Southeast location listed below.

This is not a NC-PRE K application. For more information about NC Pre K, please call 828-695-6505

Instructions and Information for Application

Required Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of birth, certified copy of birth certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid or Insurance card <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization Record <input type="checkbox"/> Attach proof of total household yearly income from all sources to the applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paycheck stubs for the last month for jobs worked; must match the name on the application. <i>If paystubs are not available you may submit the following:</i> ▪ W-2's or tax return for the previous year or ▪ Letter from your employer with income information <input type="checkbox"/> If the following income applies, we also need verification of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Security, SSI or SSDI (Award Letter) ▪ Cash assistance (TANF/Work First) (DSS Award Letter) ▪ Child Support (Award Letter, copy of checks or DSS printed copy) ▪ Veteran's Benefits (Award Letter) ▪ Unemployment/Worker Comp (Copy of Check) ▪ Pell Grant (Award Letter) <input type="checkbox"/> If you declare no income, I-CARE, Inc., Head Start will provide a Verification of Declaration of Zero Family Income form that must be completed by applicant.
Eligibility	<p>Age- Children must be between ages 3-4</p> <p>Income- I-CARE, Inc. utilizes the Federal Poverty guidelines published each year. Families who are at or below the guidelines will be selected first.</p> <p>Family Situation- Families who are experiencing homelessness or children who are in foster care will be selected first</p> <p>Disability and/or delay- Children with diagnosed disability or delay or suspected delay will be given priority points to provide a continuum of services with local providers and local school systems.</p>
Selection Process	Upon receipt of all required documentation your child’s application will go through a Selection Criteria process. The child will then be enrolled, if an opening is available, or placed on the waiting list if there are no openings. Completion of the application and submission of required documents does not guarantee enrollment into the HS program. Families will be notified by phone and letter whether their child will be enrolled or placed on the waiting list.
Fees	There is no cost to attend Head Start or Early Head Start. There is no cost for meals served (breakfast, lunch, snack)
Transportation	No Transportation
Calendar	Same as Local Education Agency (subject to change)
Before and After School Subsidy Care	Provided at Southeast Child Development Center (private pay and DSS voucher program only)
Classroom Learning Environment	Some learning environments for preschoolers will have combination (3/4-year old's), 3-year-old, and 4-year-old classrooms. All learning environments will make accommodations (if applicable) to the needs of specific populations (disabilities, foster care and homeless, etc.)

Head Start Classroom Locations:

Newton Head Start (249 E N St Newton, NC 28658) Viewmont Head Start (located at Viewmont Elementary School 21 16th Ave NW Hickory, NC 28601)
