



Early Head Start Application Form

Eligibility is based on your family income, your child's need, and available openings.

If your family is ELIGIBLE, an Early Head Start representative will verify this

application and contact you. **COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT MEAN YOUR CHILD IS AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED IN THE EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM.**

Please return this application with: Proof of income for 12 months and copies of child's birth certificate to CANI Early Head Start, PO Box 10570, Fort Wayne, IN 46853.

Child's name _____

Is child a foster child? Yes ___ No ___

Child's Birth Date _____

Are you working? Yes ___ No ___

Parent's Name _____

In job training? Yes ___ No ___

Home Address _____

Child's gender M ___ F ___

City _____ Zip _____

Does child have a brother or sister in Head Start? Yes ___ No ___

Home Phone # _____

Does child have a disability? * Yes ___ No ___

Alternate Phone # _____

Are you pregnant? Yes ___ No ___

If you are currently pregnant and have no other children, mark n/a in child's information.

Do you speak English? Yes ___ No ___

If pregnant, expected due date: _____
(Please include proof of pregnancy and income)

Language spoken in home _____

How did you find out about EHS? _____

List all people living in household (except child applying for)

Name	Relationship to child	Date of birth	

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Special considerations are made for children with disabilities



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EARLY HEAD START

What is Early Head Start?

Early Head Start is a federally funded, early childhood program, created to break the cycle of poverty by providing services to children from low-income families.

*Early Head Start is **not** a child care service. Home Visitors come into the home weekly and work with parent and child on activities based on their child's needs. Children also learn by getting together with other children in the program at "Play Dates" twice a month. At "Play Dates" parents also have a chance to get support and talk to other parents. "Play Dates" are held outside the home and transportation is not provided. If transportation may be a problem, ask about options available in your area.*

Who is Eligible?

Early Head Start serves pregnant women and children 0- 3 years old. CANI EHS requires you to live in Allen, Noble, or Whitley County and have a household income within the guidelines. Children with special needs are welcome.

Health and Nutrition

Our program is set up to make sure that every family has access to health care, including medical, dental, mental health, nutrition, safety information and services by direct services or referrals. For children, we make sure they are receiving all of the medical care recommended by doctors.

Education

Every child receives many learning experiences to foster their mental, social, emotional, and physical growth. Learning happens through play and through age appropriate activities.

Parent Involvement

We believe that parents are their child's first teacher. Early Head Start helps parents to become leaders and supporters of their children's learning experiences. We encourage parents to provide input into the planning of services and help make important decisions regarding their child's education.

Forming Partnerships with Family & Community

Early Head Start identifies and builds upon the strengths of our families and communities. We establish relationships with each family and community we serve to help families on the path to social and economic growth.