

## FROM OUR PARENTS

### Caring

"Head Start has become a second family for us. I love knowing that I am sending my child to an environment where she is loved as her own person, and where I know I can go at anytime and talk to anyone about family issues we may be having; and we are not judged. Head Start has made a world of difference in my family's lives." ~ *Wendi Anne Gavigan*

### Nurturing

"Head Start is vitally important to your child's world. It prepares them for school and the time they will spend away from parents. They meet great life-long friends. Parents are encouraged to participate at any time. My two daughters have grown into great little ladies with the program's help. Thank you, Head Start, for giving my children a hand-up for growing up."

~ *Elizabeth Smithers*

### Compassionate

"One of the main reasons we wanted our only child in Head Start was for the social interactions with other children her age. From the teachers to the bus monitors, we have encountered a very welcoming environment. When our child comes home every day with a smile on her face, we know we made the right decision to enroll her. Head Start has provided a setting that has allowed our daughter to flourish both socially and mentally."

~ *Virginia Galligan*

The St. Lawrence Community Development Program is committed to encourage and assist individuals and families to attain self-reliance, dignity, and self-sufficiency through education, guidance, and services.



## Head Start

### Center Locations:

Brasher Falls: 389-5131 x1361

Canton: 386-3118

Gouverneur: 287-1650

Massena: 769-0925

Norwood: 353-2021

Ogdensburg: 393-9244

Parishville: 265-1879

Potsdam: 265-6710

### Home Based Locations:

Brasher Falls

Canton/Potsdam

Gouverneur

Massena

Norwood/Norfolk

Hammond/Morristown

Ogdensburg

And Surrounding Areas



### St. Lawrence County CDP Head Start Program

One Commerce Lane

Canton, NY 13617

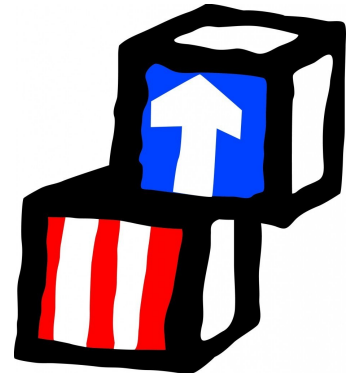
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## HEAD START

Empowering Families,  
Reaching Children



A Program of:  
St. Lawrence County Community  
Development Program

## 8 GREAT REASONS TO ATTEND HEAD START

### Transportation

We provide safe transportation to and from Head Start on our own New York State DOT inspected buses, with monitors, and equipped with five point safety restraints.



### Nutrition

Head Start children receive free meals (snacks for Home Based), with menus planned by a Registered Dietitian. We offer nutrition education to our children and families.



### Health

We provide a comprehensive health screening for each child. This includes an assessment of growth and development, vision, hearing, and speech as well as assistance to families in finding medical and dental providers.

### Mental Health

Head Start believes emotional and social growth depend on positive mental health. We have two mental



health care professionals on staff, accessible to all parents, children, and employees.

### Education

Head Start is a school readiness program with experienced teachers who provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for children. Focus is on acquiring skills in math, science, literacy, language, social/emotional, physical health and development. We use Creative Curriculum which is aligned with NYS Preschool Early Learning Standards. Children learn through what they like best – play! Through play children learn to express thoughts and feelings, increase self-confidence, and have positive relationships with others.



### Special Needs

We have two integrated classrooms where we work closely with community providers to ensure that each child is included in all activities.



### Home Based

Home Based parents partner with staff to provide weekly learning experiences for

their own children. Group experiences are held twice a month for socialization with peers. Home Based families receive all Head Start services and activities.



### Parent Involvement

Head Start provides you with the unique opportunity to become involved in your child's education from the very beginning. We ask you to tell us about your child, participate in classroom activities, make decisions for the program, and volunteer. Staff offer information on community resources and help you identify family strengths, interests, and goals.



Parents have the opportunity to learn leadership skills and effective parenting tips, and to participate in volunteer experiences that can be added to parent resumes!

### Contact Information

If you are interested in more information about Head Start, please call the program nearest you or our **Administrative office at 386-8574.**