HOW ARE PARENTS INVOLVED?
Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s HS/UPK - EHS experience through classroom volunteering, representing your child’s classroom on various committees, home visits, parent/teacher meetings, Parent Group meetings, and participation in educational workshops or trainings.

Program staff are available to provide family members support in attaining goals relating to various areas, such as continuing education, obtaining employment or accessing community resources.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

_Early Head Start:_ Serves pregnant women and infants from birth to age 3.

_Head Start:_ Serves children ages 3 - 5 years old. HS/EHS applicants must be residents of Steuben County or Yates County. Both HS and EHS enrollees must meet certain federal income or other eligibility requirements. 10% of HS/EHS slots are made available to children with identified special needs.

_UPK:_ Children must be age 4 on or before December 1st of the school year they enroll in. UPK enrollees must reside in the school district in which they attend UPK.

WHEN DO CHILDREN ATTEND?

HS/UPK classroom schedules follow the local school district’s calendar. EHS services are provided year round.

WHAT IS THE COST?

There is no cost to the family.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To complete an application, contact your local HS / EHS program or the Main Office:

**HS/UPK:**
- Addison: 607-695-2657
- Avoca: 607-566-2221 ext. 1122
- Bath Coktown: 607-776-0465
- Bath VEW: 607-776-4123 ext. 7949
- Campbell-Savona: 607-527-9800 ext. 4224
- Canisteo-Greenwood: 607-698-2190
- Corning: 607-973-2903 ext. 203 or 204
- Hornell: 607-324-4091/607-324-0307 ext. 204 or 208
- Jasper-Troupsburg: 607-525-6361
- Penn Yan: 315-536-6856
- Wayland-Cohocton: 585-728-2211

Eastern Steuben home based: 607-973-2903 ext. 202

**EHS:**
- Addison Office: 607-695-2657
- Northern Steuben: 607-776-2125 ext. 143 or 131
- Corning Office: 607-973-2903 ext. 205 or 206
- Hornell Office: 607-324-0307 ext. 500
- Penn Yan/Yates County Office: 315-536-6856

Head Start/UPK – EHS Main Office
117 E. Steuben St.
Bath, NY 14810
607-776-2125 or 1-800-553-2033
Fax: 607-776-3432
Email: head start @proactioninc.org

Head Start does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national or ethnic origin, religion, or handicapping condition.
WHAT IS EARLY HEAD START?

Early Head Start (EHS) is a federally-funded program which offers an array of services to pregnant women, and newborn to 3-year-old children and their families. EHS’s primary focus is to support the healthy development of infants/toddlers. EHS recognizes that early education is a vital part of the child’s ability to succeed in school in later years. EHS services are provided in either center based or home based settings.

Home Based Option
Staff and parents work together during weekly home visits to implement the Parents As Teachers (P.A.T.) curriculum. This option also offers opportunities for enrolled families to meet and socialize with other children and parents. Home based services are available throughout Steuben and Yates counties.

Center Based Option (available in Hornell and Corning)
Infants/toddlers attend a daily classroom program featuring a research-based curriculum in well-equipped classroom environments. Services include developmental assessments of enrolled infants/toddlers; individualized lesson plans; nutritious meals; and assistance in accessing health, dental, or mental health services.

WHAT IS HEAD START/UPK?

The Head Start (HS) / UPK school readiness program prepares 3- and 4-year-old children for a successful transition to kindergarten. HS/UPK is supported by federal funds and state Universal Pre-Kindergarten funds. All HS/UPK classrooms are partners in the local school district’s pre-kindergarten program.

In addition to the center based classrooms, HS education services are also available in a home based program and a combination option program in some locations. Combination option combines home visits and a 1 day/week center based program.

Services in all options include developmental assessments, nutritious meals and assistance in accessing health, dental, or mental health services. Program staff partner with families to develop individual child school readiness goals.

The HS/UPK program utilizes a research-based curriculum, Creative Curriculum, and other curriculum supports to ensure a developmentally appropriate program that aligns with both federal and state education standards. Well-equipped environments offer children opportunities for optimal growth and development. Highly qualified classroom teaching staff use a variety of strategies to help each child develop physically, emotionally, socially, cognitively and creatively. Through hands-on experiences, small and large group instruction, and child-initiated activities, your child will have many opportunities to build upon existing language, literacy, science and math skills.