



Acadia First Nation Aboriginal Head Start Program



2016-2017

What is Head Start?

Head Start is a community program, which includes the cooperation of educators, physicians, nurses, social workers, parents, and teachers, in an effort to improve the development of children from 2 ½ to 5 years old. Educators work with small groups of children enabling them to give more attention to children's individual needs.

The program includes six basic components such as:

- Culture and Language
- Education
- Health Promotion
- Nutrition Promotion
- Social Support
- Parental Involvement

The activities offered by the program rely on the interest, the creativity and a sense of pride that derive from the knowledge of the Nations traditions and culture. The goal is to develop an early intervention strategy conceived and managed at the local level, to help children and their families to acquire a positive self-image of themselves through an overall approach.



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Eligibility:

The First Nation Head Start Program is open to all First Nations children ages 2 ½ to 5 years of age. All children under the age of 3 must be turning 3 on or before December 31. All children must be toilet trained before attending the Head Start program.

Enrollment:

The program operates from September to June each year and follows the school year. The first day of Head Start will be Tuesday September 6, 2016. Classes will run Monday to Thursday from 9am-12pm. Fridays are for the staff to prepare for the following weeks curriculum and disinfect the classroom.

We encourage anyone interested in enrolling his or her children in the program to **register by June 30, 2016**. This can be done so by contacting the Center at 742-6928. This is the deadline for Band members and community members.

After this date, seats will be filled by aboriginal children, extended community members, native counsel, and friends of these individuals. If the center is full, you will be placed on a waiting list and enrolled as soon as an opening occurs. **So Please do not miss your deadline.** There will be a fee of \$10 per day for all children who are not band members or children of a band member or who are not living on reserve. Exceptions will be made, **ONLY**, for Band Members that have moved from another reserve after the program begins. We have set aside two seats for individuals that are in this situation.



For further information please do not hesitate to contact us at 742-6928. We look forward to hearing from you.