

COVID-19: What we know today

Provider Relief Fund Portal Opens as of 9/29/21

What Is the Provider Relief Fund?

Qualified providers of health care, services, and support may receive Provider Relief Fund payments for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenues due to coronavirus. These distributions do not need to be repaid to the US government, assuming providers comply with the terms and conditions.

[The PRF portal](#) has opened for providers to apply for both the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 General Distribution and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural Distribution. Eligible providers now have until 10/26/21 to apply for funds with a single application. HRSA also posted additional information including [application instructions](#) along with a [pdf version](#) of the online application form. Tax identification number (TIN) verification is the first step in applying. Also added is a new set of frequently-asked questions (FAQs) specifically for Phase 4 and ARP Rural in the [General Distribution FAQs](#). Another new item of interest details the [payment methodologies](#) for both distributions.

HRSA will be hosting webinar sessions for Phase 4 and ARP Rural applicants, featuring guidance on how to navigate the application portal.

Thursday, September 30, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET – [register to attend](#)

Tuesday, October 5, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET – [register to attend](#)

Two additional webinars during the weeks of October 11th and 18th (dates, times, and registration details forthcoming)

HHS recently hosted a briefing session to provide information about these upcoming funding opportunities – [view the video](#)

For more info, click here: <https://www.hrsa.gov/provider-relief/future-payments>

2021 DSP Awards- nominations now open!

DSP recognition awards nomination period is now open for the 2021! Since we know providers are very busy you will notice there are two ways to nominate a DSP:

1: Click the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSPNominations>

- Give the name and phone number to someone who we can call and get the scoop as to why the DSP should be nominated.
- Type the nomination and submit through our online form.

The nominations close 10/15/2021 at 4pm

Keep an eye out for the save the date for the DSP Recognition Event as we are making every effort to have an in person event this year!

The Other “R” Word

LCBDD is partnering with Clearwater COG to offer a virtual series on “The Other ‘R’ Word.” This training was developed in response to concerns that there’s a huge gap in the D.D. field when it comes to discussing and addressing race and racism and its impacts on people with

developmental disabilities, families and professionals. This Zoom training will help participants understand basic terms, learn more about the harm of racism, and gain skills on how to speak up against racism. The three sessions will be highly interactive with small and large group discussions, role plays, videos and short lectures.

The sessions will run from 11:00-12:00 on Tuesday, Oct. 5th, 12th, and 19th. (Flyer attached.) Register by emailing: Anna.Jefferies@lcountydd.org or call 740-322-6911.

Will DSPs really quit over Vaccine Mandates?

Below is a link to an interesting article that gives some data on how many employees really do quit after vaccines are mandated. Still scary, but maybe not as bad as it sounds at first.

<https://theconversation.com/half-of-unvaccinated-workers-say-theyd-rather-quit-than-get-a-shot-but-real-world-data-suggest-few-are-following-through-168447>

FREE child care- Head Start & Early Head Start

Many DSPs may qualify for child care services through Head Start. Attached are brochures with info. on both Head Start & early Head Start with info. that can be shared with your staff.

FREE DSP Crisis Lunch & Learn virtual sessions- from MEORC

It's no secret that our state, and nation, is struggling with a staffing crisis. Although MEORC does not have a fail-proof solution, we do have some insight into how you can attract and retain employees. Since we also understand that your time is very limited, we are going to begin offering 1 hour virtual lunch and learns. Each session will focus on a specific topic, such as Marketing, Recruitment, Organizational Culture and Employee Recognition, so that you can attend based on your areas of need.

Attached is a flyer with information on the first four sessions. You can also find the links on MEORC's website: <https://www.meorc.com/county-boards-support/training> .

2021 DSP AWARDS

Do you know a DSPHero? Click the link to
submit a nomination!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSPNominations>

Nominations are due by 4 pm on
10/15/2021

Need more info? Call Brandi Body 740-644-0344

LICKING COUNTY
Board of
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Clearwater COG invite you to participate in a new pilot program:

THE OTHER "R" WORD

**11 a.m. to noon Oct. 5, 12 and 19
on Zoom**



This training was developed in response to concerns that there is a huge gap in the developmental disabilities field when it comes to discussing and addressing race and racism and its impacts on people with developmental disabilities, families and professionals.

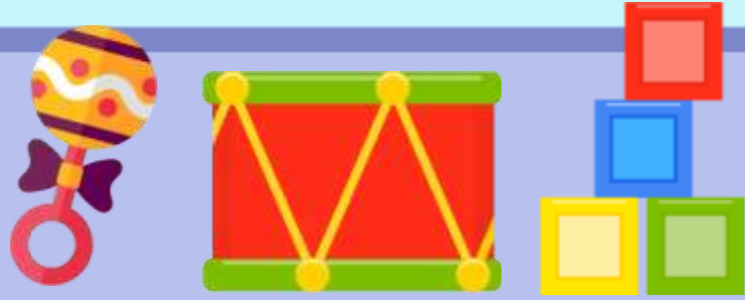
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Discover What Head Start Offers!

Did you know Head Start provides comprehensive services to more than a million children each year?

Birth to 5



We support learning through play, creative expression, and guided activities. We build strong relationships as the foundation of early learning.

We promote language and literacy development, early math and science concepts, and positive attitudes toward learning.



Health & Wellness



We promote physical development both indoors and outdoors. We serve breakfast and lunch, as well as healthy snacks.

We provide medical, dental, hearing, vision, and behavioral screening.



Social Services

We help families find assistance in challenging times.

We help families identify and reach goals around employment, training, and parenting.



Disability Services

We build on children's strengths and individualize experiences to meet their needs.

We collaborate with community agencies when further assessment is needed.



Licking County
Head Start
(740) 349-7869

Union County
Head Start
(937) 642-1230

Delaware County
Head Start
(740) 363-8810

Licking County
Early Head Start
(740) 345-8827

Delaware & Union Co.
Early Head Start
(740) 369-7473



Head Start and Early Head Start



*"We believe
that children are
our future!
Teach them
well and let
them lead the
way..."*

(Creed/Masser, 1976)



Head Start and Early Head Start provide **FREE** learning and development services to pregnant women and children ages birth to five.



Pregnant Woman Infants Toddlers Up to Age 5

Our program understands and values the key role families play in their child's development. As a parent, grandparent, or other adult family member, there are many ways you can support your child to reach their greatest learning potential and enhance their school readiness skills.

*Strong Children. Strong Families.
Bright Futures.*

The LEADS Head Start

Early Head Start

Program is **FREE** of Charge!



Contact our Central Office to determine which option and location we can better serve you and your family:

159/161 Wilson Street
Newark, OH 43055
740-345-8827

Please contact me for more information about your **FREE Programs.**

Applicant's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
Parent's Name: _____ Apt. _____
Address: _____ State: Ohio Zip Code: _____
City: _____
Best phone number to reach me: (_____) _____
Best time of day to reach me: (check all that apply) _____ Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Evening
Alternate phone number: (_____) _____

From:

LEADS Head Start/Early Head Start
159 Wilson Street
Newark, Ohio 43055

How Do I Apply?

Complete and mail the attached form or contact the Office nearest you:

Delaware County

Delaware

607 Sunbury Road, Delaware
740-363-8810

Licking County

Buckeye Lake

10920 Mill Dam Road, Buckeye Lake
740-928-1123

Newark

986 East Main Street, Newark
740-345-6415

161 Wilson Street, Newark (EHS)
740-345-8827

Utica

308 North Main Street, Utica
740-892-4196

Union County

Marysville

111 Morey Drive, Marysville
937-642-1230

Head Start / Early Head Start



What Services Are Offered?

Head Start and Early Head Start offer a variety of program options in Delaware, Licking and Union Counties.

Center Base offers preschool services for children ages 3 – 5 in classroom settings. Children receive nutritious meals during class times. Days and times vary per site.

Home-Based services are available for pregnant women, infants and toddlers and preschoolers. A Home Visitor comes to your home once a week and works with the parent as the child's primary teacher. Children and families who receive Home-Based services have the opportunity to meet twice monthly with other enrolled families for a group learning experience that are facilitated by Head Start and Early Head Start staff.

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Is My Family Eligible?

In general, eligibility is based on family income at or below the federal poverty level. Families with other situations including homelessness, children in foster care, receiving SSI or TANF also are eligible as well as over-income families. It is very important to contact LEADS to find out about requirements for enrolling your child.

Why get involved?

Research shows when families involve their young children in daily learning by talking with them, playing with them, and reading to them from birth, children have:

- Higher literacy skills
- Stronger connections in their brain
- Better peer interactions
- Fewer behavior problems
- Greater motivation and persistence during learning activities
- Enhanced Speech & Language which leads to better reading skills.

In other words, children whose families involve them in learning at home are more successful in school and life!



DSP CRISIS LUNCH & LEARN



On-going hour sessions to help
you attract and retain DPS's

MARKETING

Nov 3, 2021 @12:30p

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83806104717>

RECRUITMENT

Dec 1, 2021 @12:30p

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87847010753>

WHAT'S YOUR CULTURE?

Jan 5, 2022 @12:30p

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87157852941>

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION & BENEFITS

Feb 3, 2022 @12:30p

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89582729245>

For more information, visit www.meorc.com