

Why I Chose Head Start/Early Head Start

I knew the program worked! My oldest son (who will be 10 this year) went through



the program and they were able to work with him. He got the services that he needed to excel in school and in life! I have watched my middle son blossom into this social butterfly and he continues to grow and learn daily. My youngest at just a year old picks up something new every week. I have loved getting to know the teachers and staff, but most importantly watch my children grow and blossom into young gentlemen! They have helped my family grow in

so many ways!! We love Head Start program! – Sarah Hornback

The first time that we heard about Head Start was after the boys' abuse and neglect case was being investigated. DCFS had assured Sam and me that Head Start and Early Head Start would be a positive light during this tense time. During the first year we watched the kids blossom. They made friends during their community events and found comfort in the one on one interactions with home visitors. From that point on we decided we wanted to continue to be a Head Start family for as long as we could! Our family's growth was a priority, and we were able to create lasting relationships in this program! – Natasha Carr-Koker



Hello, my name is **Eddie Williams**. I am from Rock Island, Illinois. When my wife and I were first approached about participating in Head Start, we were a little apprehensive about enrolling our son. My wife and I had some initial concerns after hearing the guidelines, about how staff personnel would be coming into our home on a regular basis, and other concerns. Our social service worker Sherry did a great job address all our concerns.



She was very encouraging in promoting the Head Start program. She spoke very positively and honestly about our local Head Start program. She was honest, many even a little too honest. Speaking openly about the ins and outs of our program. She would often “tell it like it is” which brought a comfort to my wife and me. Sherry did an amazing job outlining the advantages to me as an African American father, and the impact we could have on our program, and the impact of our child’s development.

The encouraging and explicit words of my service social worker Sherry are the reason why we decided to enroll our son into the Head Start program. Without her, we would have missed out on this amazing opportunity.

Thank You.

