

Locations

Clark County

Amity Head Start

213 N. Clark, Amity, 71921

870-342-5358

Arkadelphia Head Start

301 N. 23rd St., Arkadelphia, 71923

870-246-8931

Gurdon Head Start

410 E. Main, Gurdon, 71743

870-353-6616

Hot Spring County

Bismark Head Start

2078 Arlie Moore, Bismark, 71923

501-865-1882

Magnet Cove Head Start

21977 Highway 51, Malvern 72104

501-332-6906

Malvern Head Start

1735 E. Sullenberger, Malvern, 72104

501-337-1502

Pike County

Delight Head Start

621 Cherry St., Delight, 71940

870-379-2270

Glenwood Head Start

974 Lakeshore St. Glenwood, 71943

870-356-4780

Locations

Pike County cont.

Murfreesboro Head Start

120 E. Court Ste B, Murfreesboro, 71958

870-285-3351

Montgomery County

Mount Ida Head Start

158 Senior Dr., Mount Ida, 71957

870-867-3722

Saline County

Benton Head Start

321 Edison, Benton, 72015

501-315-6456

Harmony Grove Head Start

115 School Road, Benton, 72015

501-776-1697

Shannon Hills Head Start

11925 County Line Rd, Alexander, 72002

501-455-4932

All participants must meet eligibility requirements.

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Central Arkansas
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Head Start



The mission of CADC is to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty, to help vulnerable populations achieve their potential and to build strong communities in Arkansas through community action.

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What is Head Start?

The CADC Head Start program was started in 1967 to give children from low-income families a “head start” before they enter elementary school. The main focus is to increase the school readiness of children ages 3 and 4. The program also seeks to help parents and/or caregivers be empowered to self-sufficiency.



Head Start Programs

Head Start’s services include reading and writing, kindergarten readiness, health and nutrition screening, vision and hearing screening, nutritious meals and snacks, disability services, and family services. While CADC does not offer transportation services, it will assist families in seeking and finding other transportation means.



Family Engagement

Head Start programs hold monthly parent meetings to discuss topics ranging from nutrition, safety, and education matters. They also discuss family development and increased social services. Through the USDA Program, CADC provides nutritious meals, snacks, and nutrition education as a major component of program activities.



History of Head Start

In January of 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared The War on Poverty in his State of the Union speech. Part of the government’s thinking on poverty was influenced by new research on the effects of poverty, as well as on the impacts of education. This research indicated an obligation to help disadvantaged groups, compensating for inequality in social or economic conditions. Head Start was designed to help break the cycle of poverty, providing preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs. A key tenet of the program established that it be culturally responsive to the communities served, and that the communities have an investment in its success through the contribution of volunteer hours and other donations as nonfederal share.

