MCPHERSON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MCPHERSON AND MARION COUNTY
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

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McPherson/Marion County Fact Sheet

Program Mission Statement:
McPherson/Marion County Head Start is committed to supporting children, families, and staff in a safe, nurturing, educational environment through quality comprehensive programming and community relationships.

Purpose of Governance:
- Oversight of quality services for Head Start children and families
- Decisions related to program design and management
- Support and direction to guide organization administrators, executives, and managers
- Represent the children and families that Head Start serves, the community and other stakeholders.

Service Area:

McPherson County	Marion County
9 Classrooms that operate M-F from 8:00-3:00 - Neighborhood classrooms when possible for 3 and 4 year old Pre-K Students - Classrooms Include students from the following: Head Start, At-Risk, Special Education, and Community 76 Head Start Slots	2 classrooms in Hillsboro. 1 classroom has an AM and PM session and operates M-Fri. - One classroom is a full day session and operates M-Fri. 1 Classroom in Marion - AM and PM session operates M-Th 39 Head Start Slots

Determining, Verifying, and Documenting Eligibility:
All applicants regardless of funding source meet with a family advocate to fill out an application. Students must be 3-4 years of age on or before August 31st of the current school year. If a family meets Head Start criteria they are asked for proof of income or a letter verifying their current living situation. If our Head Start slots are full students go on a wait list. If a spot opens up during the year the student who scores the highest on the Eligibility Priority Criteria is offered the open slot.

Head Start Eligibility Verification

1. Child's name:_____

2. Child's date of birth:_____

3. This child is eligible to participate in the program: ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Check the applicable category of eligibility for this child:
   ☐ SSI
   ☐ Homeless
   ☐ Foster Care
   ☐ Public Assistance
   ☐ Income (Check the box that applies):
      ☐ Below Federal Poverty Guidelines
      ☐ Between 100-130% of the federal poverty guidelines
      (no more than 35% of enrolled children may fall into this category)
   ☐ Over Income
      ☐ Counted as part of 10% maximum for non-AI/AN programs
      ☐ Counted as part of the 49% maximum for AI/AN programs

5. What documentation was used to determine eligibility?
   ☐ Income Tax Form 1040   ☐ Written statement from employer(s)
   ☐ W-2   ☐ Foster Care reimbursement
   ☐ TANF documentation   ☐ SSI documentation
   ☐ Pay stub or pay envelopes ☐ Documentation of no income
   ☐ unemployment   ☐ Other_____
   ☐ SNAP documentation

6. Staff signature:_____   Date of eligibility
   verification:_____

7. Staff name:_____   Title:_Coordinator of Family
   Services_____

2023 Poverty Income Guidelines

Persons In Family	ELIGIBLE	110% ABOVE	120% ABOVE	130% ABOVE
1	$14,580	$16,038	$17,496	$18,954
2	$19,720	$21,692	$23,664	$25,636

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3	$24,860	$27,346	$29,832	$32,318
4	$30,000	$33,000	$36,000	$39,000
5	$35,140	$38,654	$42,168	$45,682
6	$40,280	$44,308	$48,336	$52,364
7	$45,420	$49,962	$54,504	$59,046
8	$50,560	$55,616	$60,672	$65,728

* For families/households with more than 8 persons add $5,140 for each additional person.

ELIGIBILITY PRIORITY CRITERIA 2023/2024 TERM

Instructions: Check one box in each area based on information from the application and/or other sources. When appropriate, write in the comments to document the reason for selection. Sign form below and attach to application. This document will be placed in the child's file along with the child's application.

MIGRANT STATUS : "..who change their residence by moving from one geographic location to another, either intrastate or interstate, within the preceding two years for the purpose of engaging in agricultural work that involves the production and harvesting or tree and field crops and whose family income primarily from this activity.."

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	PTS	SELECT	COMMENTS
PARENTAL STATUS				
One Parent Family	ONE	30	( )	
Two Parents Family	TWO	10	( )	
Foster Parent Family	FOSTER	40	( )	
Migrant Status Family	MIGRANT	30	( )	
Not the child's parent	OTHER	30	( )	
Teen Parent *(when child was born)*	TEEN	40	( )	
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Potential/Suspected	SUS	20	( )	
Diagnosed Condition	DIAG	40	( )	
Low Developmental Score/Screen	DEV	30	( )	
INCOME				
Eligible Income (at or below)	ELIG	75	( )	
(Includes any family that is categorically eligible: Foster, homeless, public assistance ex. SSI, TANF)				
110% above poverty guidelines	A110%	30	( )	Income x 1.1
120% above poverty guidelines	A120%	20	( )	Income x 1.2
130% above poverty guidelines	A130%	10	( )	Income x 1.3
Over Income	OVER	0	( )	

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AGE

Child will be Four on 8/31	FOUR	25	(	)
Child will be Three on 8/31	THREE	15	(	)

OTHER

High Service Need	HIGH	40	(	)
(Suspected or reported Abuse/Neglect)				
Referral from other agency/Professional	REF	20	(	)
Change of Family Status	CRIS	30	(	)
(Illness, death, divorce, separation)				
Homeless Family/Displaced Family	CRIS	60	(	)
Serious child/parent health problems	HLTH	20	(	)
Language Barrier/No English	SOCIAL	30	(	)
No Health Insurance	HLTH	10	(	)
Lack of exposure to preschool	SOCIAL	10	(	)
(Child is four with no prior preschool)				
Mental Health Diagnosis	DIAG	40	(	)
(Child's and/or Guardian)				
Sibling Enrolled *(currently or previously)*	SIBLING	20	(	)
Incarcerated Guardian	INCARC	30	(	)

Points Total: _____

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Funding Sources:

Head Start:
- 115 Slots
- Federally Funded. Yearly grant is written. Subject to federal reviews.
- 20% of the budget must come from the community or what is called in-kind or federal match.
- Follow Head Start Program Performance Standards and Regulations or most restrictive policy
- Received additional COVID funds to be used for COVID related expenses

State Pre-K:
- State Funded Early Childhood Program
- Students must be 3 or 4 by August 31st
- Have to meet 1 of 8 Criteria
- Receive 0.5 FTE for each 3 and 4 year old student enrolled that meets 1 of 8 Criteria

Early Childhood Special Education:
- State and Federally Funded
- Student has a current Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Community
- Students that do not qualify for a funded slot that pay monthly tuition to attend the Early Childhood Program
- Families may choose to attend full or half day

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Organization of Head Start

Office of Head Start
Administers grant funding and oversight to the 1,600 agencies that provide Head Start services in communities across the country. OHS also provides federal policy direction and a training and technical assistance (T/TA) system to help grantees in providing comprehensive services to eligible young children and their families.

Head Start Region 7 Office
12 regional offices that support the administration of grants, oversight, and T/TA for individual grantee agencies. Region 7 office is located in Kansas City, Mo. The management team participates in monthly phone calls with our program specialist. The management team also coordinates with the regional office to schedule an annual site visit and grantee assessment meeting.

Governing Body (Board of Education)	Policy Council	Management Staff
Assumes legal and fiscal responsibility for Head Start and the Safeguarding of federal funds	Assumes responsibility for Head Start Program direction	Assumes operating responsibility for Head Start day-to-day functions