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## Head Start and Early Head Start Is Taking Applications via Mobile Phones Change due to the COVID-19 Risks

Beat the rush! While many parents are at home right now, it is a great time to sign up your child for Head Start classes beginning in August.

All Head Start and Early Head Start Centers have a few staff at each center location. They are working at our centers so they can take applications and answer questions. This will allow them to take an application via mobile phone. Families may take photos of documentation that they have at home, such as birth certificates, immunization records, proof of income, etc. Then they can email this to: <a href="headstartapp@escswa.org">headstartapp@escswa.org</a>. All application information can be completed while talking to a Head Start or Early Head Start application staff.

Head Start and Early Head Start staff will have the ability to follow up with all families during the application process utilizing mobile phones and email. If you have any program or <u>location</u> questions, please contact Head Start/Early Head Start: (417) 627-2059 or <u>jbarrera@escswa.org</u>, (417) 627-2045 or jwarmoth@escswa.org.

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