

HEAD START IS A GOOD INVESTMENT IN KIDS

Head Start is the Single Largest Governmental social program everyone is allowed to like. It has been supported by both George Bush Junior and Senior, praised by Bill Clinton, protected by Ronald Regan, adored by Jimmy Carter; and proudly created by Lyndon Johnson.

Head Start targets families with 3 to 5 year-olds that are below the poverty level. The program helps families and young children to better prepare for life's experiences, encourages preventative health care, and advises parents to become more involved in their child's education.

Evidence has been accumulated that Head Start increases the likelihood that a disadvantaged child will stay in school, seek preventative health care, avoid remedial classes, and reduce juvenile delinquency.



Multi disciplinary approach

is the key to our success!!!

Benefits of Head Start include:

- *Improved children's intellectual performance, social maturity and health
- *School readiness program that prepares children to enter school ready to learn and succeed
- *Discovery and treating of emotional traumas and developmental deficits
- *33% higher rate of high school graduates
- *Head Start children are 3 times more likely to become homeowners
- *Women who were in Head Start programs are one-third less likely to become teenage parents
- *Cooperation with the elementary schools
- *Emphasis on parental involvement with their child's education
- *Commitment to health care
- *Boosts parent's self-esteem, and helps them gain control of their lives
- *Every \$1 spent now saves \$3 later
- *Emphasis on rights-and-responsibilities
- *Basic training for parents
- *Heightened nutrition awareness
- *Anti-poverty program
- *Family referrals to services
- *Community-based focus
- *Children are 25 % less likely to be retained a school grade level
- *Informed parents are more able to make decisions on public policies that will benefit their children.

