## **EARLY HEADSTART**

## **At the Early Learning Center**

## A place for parents and their children to flourish!

Early Head Start (EHS) serves pregnant women and children ages 6 weeks to 3 years by providing family-centered services for low-income families with very young children.

Early Head Start is designed to promote the development of the children, enabling their parents to fulfill their roles as parents and move toward self-sufficiency.

The program is tailored for the unique needs of infants and toddlers, and it promotes physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development through safe and developmentally enriching caregiving. This prepares children for continued growth and development and eventual success in school and life.

Following the general Head Start model, Early Head Start supports parents, both mothers and fathers, in their role as primary caregivers and teachers of their children. Programs assist families in meeting their own personal goals and achieving self-sufficiency across a wide variety of domains, such as housing stability, continued education, and financial security.

Nine classrooms serve children ages 6 weeks to 3 years old. Food and diapers are provided. The program also offers home-based services, which include weekly home visits focused on child development and family supports.

We are a needs-based program and NOT first come, first served.

## Ready to get started?

For more information or to schedule a tour of our facility, contact: Sharon Hutchinson-Jones, Senior Program Director 125 Bigelow Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304 518.292.5510

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