



east bay community action program
THE BRIDGE to SELF-RELIANCE

EBCAP's Head Start, Early Head Start, and Pre-K enrolling now for September opening

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East Bay Community Action Program's Head Start Program is enrolling children for the start of the program year which will begin September 1, 2020. A new Pre-K classroom has been added at EBCAP's Head Start Kennedy School (Middletown, RI) location, and there are also eight Pre-K Head Start classroom spots open at that location. The program will be open at full capacity, and it is adhering to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and State of Rhode Island guidelines for health and safety.

Upon arrival an extensive health screening procedure will be completed with all staff and children who will enter buildings; to limit the number of people entering the buildings there will be curbside drop-off with staff greeting children and escorting them inside; there will be strict hand washing and sanitizing procedures in all areas; classrooms will be separated with no combining or mixing of groups; staff will only work with the same assigned groups of children; staff will wear masks and smocks when working with children and families; and classrooms have been re-arranged for social distancing.

Linda Laliberte, EBCAP's Vice President of Head Start, Early Head Start and Childcare, is looking forward to the new school year and the quality learning opportunities it will provide for infants, toddlers and preschoolers and their families. "We are proud of our Bright Stars ratings which were achieved based on our adherence to best practices in early childhood learning. Our sites in Newport, Tiverton, Warren and East Providence all received four stars, and our Riverside site (Willett Ave.) has been given a five-star rating. These ratings demonstrate our commitment to providing high quality early childhood education for children and families of the East Bay," said Laliberte. According to the Bright Stars website, a Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System is used across the country "to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early care, education and school-age settings."

To apply for enrollment in Head Start, please submit an online application at www.ebcap.org. If you have questions, please email: Lifan Zhong, Director of Early Head Start and Management Systems, lzhong@ebcap.org.

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