

**Mid-America Head Start
Delegate Agencies**

The Family Conservancy
626 Minnesota Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101
913/342-1110

Independence Head Start
1511 Kingshighway
Independence, MO 64055
816/521-2760

Kansas City, Missouri, School District Head Start
5915 Park Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64130
816/418-5400

YMCA of Greater Kansas City
3800 East 51st Street
Kansas City, MO 64130
816/921-7361



Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64105
816/474-4240 www.marc.org

*Mid-America Head Start
and Early Head Start*



Disabilities Services

Head Start and Early Head Start Disabilities Services



Research and practice tell us that when a classroom is truly developmentally appropriate, it meets the needs of children with varying abilities. Children with disabilities have unique needs and they often require additional services and support if they are to be fully included.

Since 1972, Head Start programs have reserved at least 10 percent of their enrollment for children with disabilities. These disabilities include:

- speech or language delays
- physical disabilities
- health impairments
- autism
- other developmental delays

Mid-America Head Start, in partnership with its delegate agencies and early intervention programs, works with families of children with disabilities to meet each child's identified needs and to ensure that they experience the full range of activities and services provided to all Head Start children.

How does Head Start benefit children with disabilities?

Children participating in Head Start can:

- receive services and support in a regular classroom without being isolated from peers;
- build friendships with other children from their own community and neighborhood; and
- develop the skills they need to become socially competent — the overall goal of Head Start.

Families participating in Head Start can:

- build connections with other families in the community; and
- discover that children with disabilities can succeed in regular classrooms.

How do I find out more about Head Start and Early Head Start services for children with disabilities?

Contact Mid-America Head Start at 816/474-4240.