



Mid-America Head Start Update

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This update is part of a series intended to help the MARC Board of Directors gain a better understanding of the programs and services Mid-America Head Start (MAHS) provides to low-income children and families in Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri. We hope this information will help define your role and responsibilities as the program's governing body.

Mid-America Head Start's Delegate Agencies

Four delegate agencies – The Family Conservancy, the Independence School District, the Kansas City, Missouri, School District and the YMCA of Greater Kansas City – provide direct services to children and families for Mid-America Head Start and Early Head Start.

The Family Conservancy

- Serves 621 children, ages birth to 5 years throughout Jackson, Clay and Platte counties in center-based programs managed by Operation Breakthrough, St. Mark's Child and Family Development Center, Plaza de Ninos, De La Salle, Della C. Lamb, and The Francis Institute.
- Partnerships with 25 family childcare providers.
- In-home services through weekly visits with parent educators.

The Independence, Missouri, School District

- Provides full-day programs for children ages six-weeks-to-five-years, and part-day programs for children ages 3 to 5 years in Independence, Lee's Summit, Grandview and Park Hill.
- Partnerships with Center and Hickman Mills School Districts for early childhood part-day programs serving children ages three to five years.

The YMCA of Greater Kansas City

- Full-day programs for children ages six weeks to five years, and part-day programs for children 3 to 5 years.
- Seven program locations include Northland Head Start, Thomas/Roque Child and Family Development Center, Metro Early Learning Center, Burlington YMCA, Richard C. Green YMCA, Skyview Head Start, and Excelsior Springs Head Start.

Kansas City, Missouri, School District

- Serves 714 children ages 3 to 5 years in full-day programs.
- Five early learning centers.
- Blended classrooms in eleven neighborhood elementary schools.

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