2021-2022 Income Eligibility Reference

Persons in Family/Household	100% FPL Head Start Eligibility	250% FPL GSRP Eligibility
1	$12,880	$32,200
2	$17,420	$43,550
3	$21,960	$54,900
4	$26,500	$66,250
5	$31,040	$77,600
6	$35,580	$88,950
7	$40,120	$100,300
8	$44,660	$111,650
	For families/households with more than eight persons, add $4,540 for each additional person	For families/households with more than eight persons, add $11,350 for each additional person

Above 251% FPL (Potential GSRP Eligibility) - See local administrator to determine eligibility.

2021-2022 Ottawa County
Early Childhood Education Program Options

Home-Based Programs

Early Head Start Home-Based (Prenatal –3 Years)
This program is for pregnant women and children ages 0-3 years old. Weekly home visits lasting 1 ½ hours focus on helping the parent enjoy their role as parent, developing skills necessary to enhance their child's development, obtaining needed health and social services as well as day to day concerns. Parents and children are offered a biweekly socialization experience. This program is year-round and offered throughout Ottawa County.

Parents as Teachers (Prenatal –5 Years)
Offered through the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, this option is available for a wide spectrum of families. Designed for pregnant women and families with children 0-5 years of age. Program services include home visits 1-2 times per month focusing on parent support, child development, community resource information, parent child group meetings, the importance of play, immunization information, developmental screenings, and brain development.

Childcare

Head Start Childcare (6 weeks to 5 years old)
Child care for children 6 weeks to 5 years is offered at Hope Center. Call our Hope center at 616-298-2361 for a fee schedule. Child care scholarships are available on a limited basis. NO transportation is offered for this program.

Preschool

Full Day Head Start
This program is for families in need of childcare services beyond the traditional half-day center based Head Start schedule. This program is for families with working parent(s) or parents who are in school who require 6 or more hours of care for their child/children per day, 5 days per week from 6:30am-5:30pm and 12 months per year and qualify by the Head Start guidelines. Tuition is paid on an income-based sliding scale. Full Day Head Start is offered at our Hope Center. NO Transportation is offered for this program.

Half Day Center Based Head Start
Offered Monday through Thursday during the school year for 3-5 year olds. Morning or afternoon sessions are available lasting 3 ½ hours each. Bussing is provided as long as the family is in the designated bus route. Each week the areas of Health, Nutrition, Science and Social Skills are touched upon. On a normal day children are offered circle time, language activities, free play and small group activities. A meal and a snack are provided for each session. Field trips are also offered.

Head Start 7 Hour Center Based
Offered Monday through Thursday during the school year for 3-5 year olds. Each week the areas of Health, Nutrition, Science and Social Skills are touched upon. On a normal day children are offered circle time, language activities, free play and small group activities. Two meals and a snack are provided for each session. Field trips are also offered. Bussing is provided as long as the family is in the designated bus route.

Great Start Readiness Program
Free state funded preschool program for children who qualify. Children receive high quality developmentally appropriate instruction designed to prepare them for success in school. Children must be four years of age by September 1 of school year attending, and the family must meet income eligibility and/or risk factors established by the state. Both part day and school day options available. This varies by location.

Tuition Preschool
Offered in most public school districts, this program option is available for a general population of residents who have children **two and a half to four years of age**. Tuition varies by school district; scholarships are available in some. Program services include center-based pre-school education.