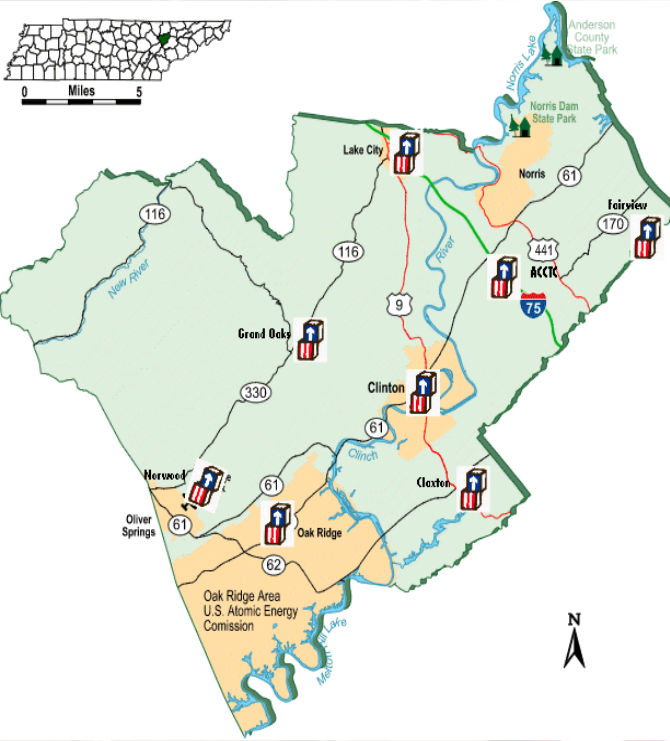


Anderson County is located in the upper-eastern section of Tennessee. It is located 10 minutes north of Knoxville and 30 minutes south of the Tennessee & Kentucky state line. It is also accessible from Interstate 75 and Interstate 40.



In addition to academic and social services to children, Head Start/EHS also provides many services to families, about half of whom are single-parent families.

Typical Parent Involvement Activities

- ❖ Parent volunteers in the classroom
- ❖ Field trips
- ❖ Classroom activities
- ❖ Male involvement activities "Dad-friendly"
- ❖ Parent training / craft classes
- ❖ End-of-year Kindergarten transition and registration with kindergarten teachers
- ❖ Adult education in areas of health, mental health, education, employment, parenting, etc...
- ❖ Bag-A-Book program which encourages reading
- ❖ Medical & dental appointments & follow-up
- ❖ Family celebrations

Head Start by the Numbers

- 244 Number of children funded
- 210 Average monthly enrolled
- 311 Number of children served during year
- 49 Number of teaching staff
- 18 Number of classrooms
- 96 Percentage of children who received medical or dental examinations
- 44 Number of children served who had a disability
- 100 Percentage of children with disability who received special services
- 729 Number of volunteers
- 280 Number of families served
- 58 Percentage of single-parent families
- 43 Percentage of single-parent families in which the parent is not working
- 17 Percentage of two-parent families in which neither parent is working
- 18 Percentage of families without a high school education
- 97 Percentage of families participating in family goal planning

Head Start/EHS is operated by:
The Anderson County Board of Education

Elementary School Locations - Classrooms	HS	EHS
Claxton	1	
Fairview	1	
Grand Oaks	1	
Lake City	1	
Norwood	1	2
Non-Elementary Schools		
ACCTC	1	
Clinton HS/EHS	2	3
Lake City II	1	
Lake City EHS		2
Oak Ridge EHS		2

Anderson County Head Start/EHS Program

All about children and families!



The vision of the Anderson County Head Start/EHS program is to provide a comprehensive program for children and their families that will allow them to experience success and self gratification in their lives, and contribute to the lives of others.

Children will be involved in a full child development program that encompasses all areas of development while parents are provided with the tools and knowledge to seek out and put community resources to work for themselves and their families.

Through the Head Start/EHS Program our children and families will gain self esteem that can enable them throughout their lives.



Annual Report 2008

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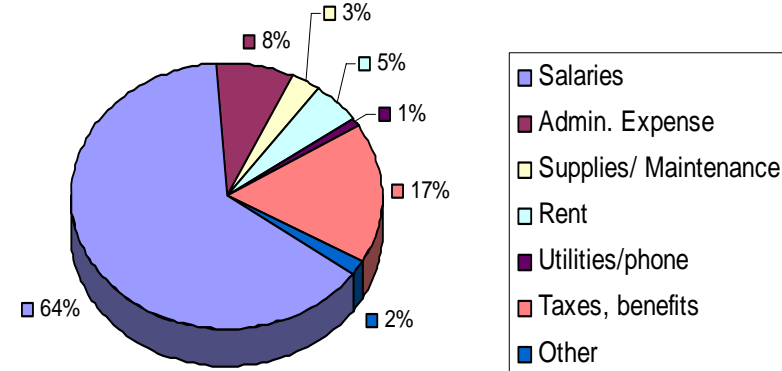
The Anderson County Head Start/EHS Programs Provide:

- a pre-school education and family support to more than 250 of the most vulnerable children in our area
- the best pre-school academic program available
- preventive health care for each child
- free dental exams & treatment
- health insurance referrals
- family goal planning and other social services
- emergency assistance via referrals to local resources
- special education services for children with disabilities
- well-supervised staff with degrees or CDA credentials
- superior staff-to-child teaching ratio
- nutrition services
- mental health services with on-site consultations
- hearing, vision, speech, and language screenings

Anderson County Head Start/EHS

Anderson County Head Start/EHS operates 18 classrooms in Anderson County and is the Delegate Agency to Oak Ridge Preschools Head Start Program

Where the Money Comes From - And Where It Goes



Typical Services & Referrals Offered to Families

- ❖ adult education
- ❖ job training
- ❖ parenting involvement
- ❖ child support
- ❖ food shelter
- ❖ clothing utility assistance
- ❖ holiday assistance
- ❖ medical services
- ❖ dental services
- ❖ home safety
- ❖ car seats
- ❖ pedestrian safety

Head Start:

- ~ enrolls 18 children per classroom (ages 3-4); staffed by a lead teacher and teaching assistant
- ~ helps children learn appropriate language skills
- ~ helps children become knowledgeable in the areas of math, science, and social studies
- ~ has opportunities to practice large and small motor skills through daily outside play and planned activities in the classroom
- ~ helps each child become more independent and confident resulting in self-control and learning to get along with others
- ~ helps each child develop good health practices like brushing teeth, washing hands, and using the toilet.

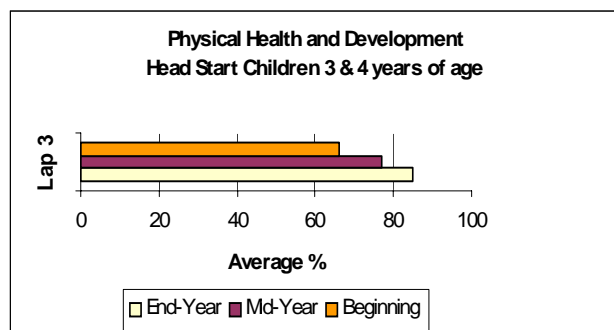
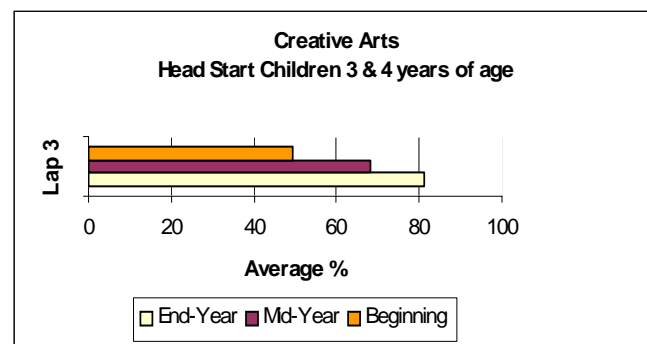
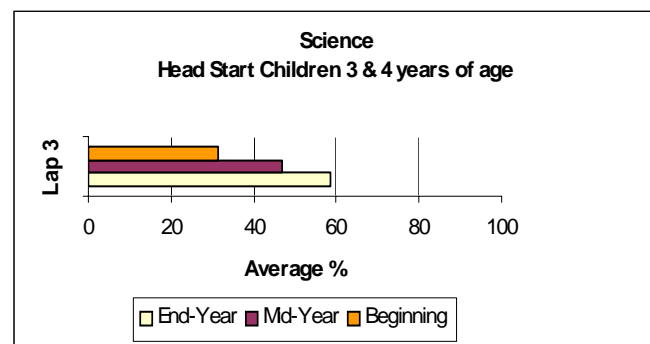
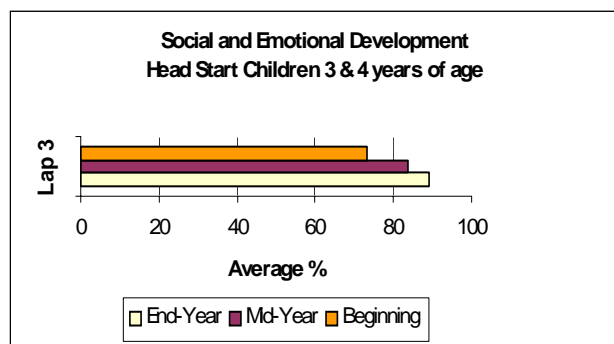
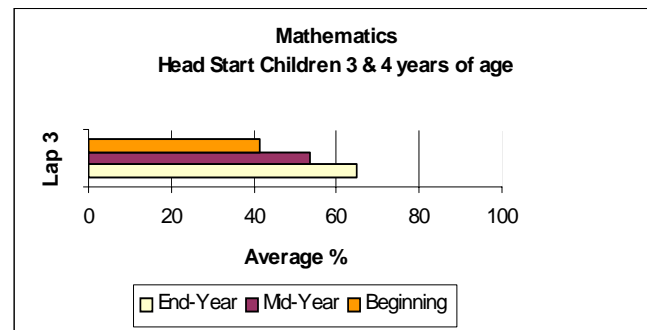
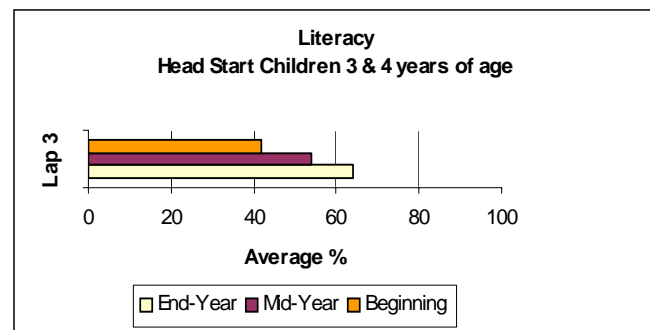
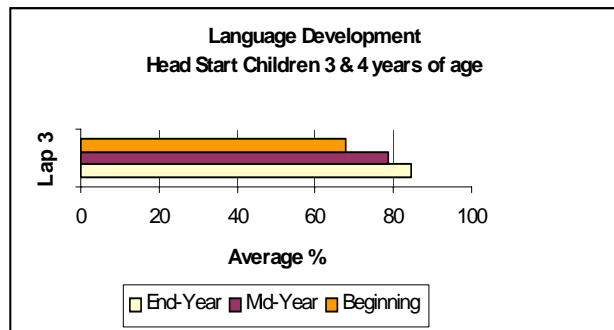
Early Head Start:

- ~ enrolls 8 children per classroom with a ratio of 1 adult to 4 children.
- ~ enrolls pregnant women prior to delivery, securing enrollment for that child
- ~ helps each child develop secure relationships with peers and caregivers
- ~ provides a safe and healthy learning environment encouraging exploration
- ~ works with the whole family acknowledging them as their child's first teacher

In general:

- ~ A family advocate is assigned to each Head Start and EHS classroom and provides support and encouragement to families
- ~ A nutritious breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack are provided daily for HS and EHS. Our meals and snacks meet CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program) requirements
- ~ Head Start and EHS administrative personnel are located at the Clinton site which also houses EHS classrooms and Head Start Classrooms

The preschool children are assessed three times each school year. We use the LAP-3 (Learning Accomplishment Profile, 3rd edition) and look at how each child makes gains throughout the year in several academic areas. Below is a summary of how our children fared during the 2007/2008 school year:



3 Self Portraits drawn by same child showing progress made during the school year.



Ready for Kindergarten

This year, about half our children will continue on to kindergarten. As you can see in the chart at left, the children as a group score well above the national norms.

To help ease the transition from Head Start to kindergarten, we also prepare the children by introducing them to kindergarten routines. A tour of their new school is usually provided. We also prepare the parents by reminding them what it's like to go to a regular school; and often help with the paper-work of registering their child.

