City of Lakewood
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Preschool/Head Start/Childcare
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City of Lakewood
Head Start and Early Childhood Programs

HEAD START– Head Start provides a no fee educational experience for 3- and 4-year-old children who meet specific eligibility requirements: low-income, homeless or child with identified special needs. **You must be a City of Lakewood resident to participate in the Head Start program. If you live outside of the City of Lakewood, we will assist with resources upon request.** Families with special needs are encouraged to apply. Daily transportation is not provided. Resources are available upon request. In order to be eligible for the current program year, children must be 3 years old but not yet 5 years old, by October 1. The qualifying income guidelines are:

Head Start Maximum Annual Family Income Guidelines 2013-2014

1 - $11,490	5 - $27, 570
2 – $15,510	6 - $31, 590
3 - $19, 530	7 - $35, 610
4 - $23, 550	8 - $39, 630

Each additional family member $4,020

Head Start with Child Care: The City of Lakewood operates one Head Start classroom that blends with full day childcare. The child must be in need of full day care due to parent's work/school schedule or special circumstances. Center is open from 7 am to 5:45 pm. Fee for childcare varies based on funding resources. For information, call 303-987-2490.

In order for your application to be considered complete, the following documents must be turned in with your application.

- ❑ Proof of Income for 12 calendar months.
  - A W-2 from last year or copy of the front page of your tax return from last year.
  - TANF recipients can request income verification letter from Case Manager.
  - Paycheck stubs with year-to-date earnings covering a period of one year.
  - If living with a relative or friend who is supporting you, have them complete a Declaration of Support form.
- ❑ Copy of current immunization card.
- ❑ Proof of **Lakewood Residency** (ex: utility bill, phone bill with parent/guardian name and address)
- ❑ Copy of your child's birth certificate
- ❑ Copy of current dental exam.

Due to licensing requirements, you must provide the following prior to your child's first day of class:

- ❑ Copy of current physical, which must include blood lead level and hematocrit results.
- ❑ Copy of Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for children with Special Education needs.

COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM - The Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) provides a no-fee or discounted (except for a $30 non-refundable enrollment fee) educational experience for 3- and 4-year-old children who are experiencing life circumstances that may interfere with their learning. In order to be eligible for the current program year, children must be 3 years old but not yet 5 years old, by October 1. *Children must be screened for CPP eligibility*. For children who do not qualify for CPP, a fee-based program is available. **Please note a $30 non-refundable enrollment fee is required once your child is accepted.**

Part-Day Preschool Programs - Children 3 to 5 years of age
Monday – Thursday
AM class: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. or
PM class: 12 - 3 p.m.
$220/month
CPP Qualified – No fee

The City Of Lakewood does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the provision of services. For disabled persons needing reasonable accommodations to attend or participate in a City service or program, call 303-987-2490 or TDD (Telephone Device for the Deaf) 303-987-4862 if you have a hearing impairment. Call as far in advance as possible.