

Meet our preschool partners:

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|------------------------------|----------|
| ABC Academy                  | 784-9161 |
| Columbia Schools             | 592-6632 |
| Community Action Agency      | 784-4800 |
| The daVinci Institute        | 780-9980 |
| Early Impressions            | 764-4950 |
| Grass Lake Schools           | 522-5650 |
| Little Rainbows              | 796-1000 |
| Michigan Center Schools      | 764-3380 |
| Napoleon – Pirate’s Cove     | 905-5701 |
| Northwest Schools            | 817-4741 |
| Phoenix Child Care & Academy | 513-8048 |
| Springport Public Schools    | 857-3465 |
| St. Mary Child Dev. Center   | 784-3366 |
| Vandercook Lake Schools      | 784-6133 |
| Western – Little Panthers    | 841-8700 |

*All site locations can be viewed using our map on [www.greatstartjackson.org](http://www.greatstartjackson.org)*



Have questions?

Contact the Jackson County  
Preschool hotline at  
517-768-5130.



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Jackson County  
Great Start Readiness  
*and*  
Head Start  
Preschool Programs



***Children must be 4 years old by  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016***

*Contact Head Start directly to learn about  
preschool for 3 year olds – 517-784-4800*

### 3 Ways Preschool Benefits Your Child

Having children attend a quality preschool program prepares them to be successful in kindergarten and beyond.

#### Did you know?

1. 90% of a child's brain development happens in the first 5 years.
2. Preschool activities help build a child's math, language and literacy skills.
3. Between the ages of 3 and 5, a child learns 1,600 new words and can practice using them in a preschool setting with other children.



#### Does your family's income fall in the chart below?

Family of 2 = \$40,050 or less  
Family of 3 = \$50,400 or less  
Family of 4 = \$60,750 or less  
Family of 5 = \$71,100 or less  
Family of 6 = \$81,450 or less  
Family of 7 = \$91,825 or less  
**....then your child may qualify!!**

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to sign up!



#### Head Start

- Free preschool program funded by the federal government for 3 and 4 year olds
- Children of all abilities can participate in program
- Teachers are certified in Early Childhood Education
- 2 or 3 teachers to every 15-18 students
- Research based curriculum that includes health, safety, literacy and social development
- Offers a mix of full and part day programs
- Childcare to extend the day is available at some locations
- Limited transportation is available
- Meals and snacks are provided in all programs
- Parent involvement is encouraged and supported through classroom volunteering, parent meetings and activities
- Health, dental and mental health services
- Family assessment and goal setting

#### Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

- Free preschool program funded by the state of Michigan for 4 year olds
- Children of all abilities can participate
- Teachers are certified in Early Childhood Education
- 2 or 3 teachers for every 15-18 students
- Research based curriculum that includes health, safety, literacy and social development
- Offers a mix of full and part day programs
- Childcare to extend the day is available at some locations
- Transportation is available for some locations
- Meals and snacks are provided depending on the length of the program
- Parent involvement is encouraged and supported through classroom volunteering, parent meetings and activities
- Dental and developmental screenings