

The CONNECTION

Your HAPCAP Head Start / Early Head Start News for September 2018

MEET OUR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Chris DeLamatre, Director

Chris is director of the Head Start / Early Head Start program. She administers our grant, ensures that we are in compliance with all regulations and represents the program in our communities. Chris supervises the specialized coordinators and ensures a well-run organization. Chris runs our Policy Council and represents our program on the HAPCAP board.



Contact Chris if you have questions about our funding, budget or the overall administration of Head Start and Early Head Start.

Community Action Promise

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



Kathleen Bankes

Health and Nutrition Coordinator

School Readiness starts with health.

Kathleen coordinates our health and nutrition programs. You may see her at your center doing health and safety checks or monitoring our food service. She tracks all the Head

Start and Early Head Start medical requirements and ensures that children are developing physically in safe learning environments.

Contact Kathleen if you have questions about Head Start/ Early Head Start's standards to ensure children are healthy.



Debbie Lowery

Operations Coordinator

Debbie supervises the Center Coordinators at all 6 of our Head Start sites, handles personnel and oversees the ERSEA (enrollment, recruitment, selection, eligibility and attendance) component of our program. One other important part of her position is that she takes questions, concerns, and complaints from the parents. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Debbie at any time. She will be glad to help you out or get the information you need.



Ruby Kilkenny

Education Coordinator

Ruby ensures that our educational services for children are implemented with fidelity. She oversees implementation of the HighScope Curriculum in Head Start center based classrooms and the Parents As Teachers Curriculum in our Head Start and Early Head Start home based services. She also coordinates disabilities and mental health services.



Kim Christensen

Family and Community Engagement Coordinator



Kim works with all home visiting staff. Our goal is to have families volunteer and come to all Family Events, Parent Meetings and

Socialization for their children's school readiness growth. We would like to increase all families volunteering by completing their monthly Activities Calendars and Reading Logs. You may see Kim at your center during family events, home based socialization or during parent meetings.

Call Kim if you have questions how you can become more involved in family engagement activities.

CENTER BASED NEWS

We would like to take this time and welcome all of our families new and returning back to school.

New Lexington Head Start Center Coordinator, Donna McCord, and her staff are anticipating another wonderful year of learning for your child as they explore and experience hands on fun activities which are planned from the children's interest. Our staff did a great job in preparation of the children's arrival for the new school year! The classrooms were ready for the children to learn and explore.

We made it through the first few weeks of school and the children are getting acquainted and making new friends. The children are learning as they explore the new activities that our classrooms have to offer.

EARLY HEAD START/HOME BASED NEWS

We would like to welcome our new Early Head Start Home Visitor, Sheila Stoneburner.

Gloria Wofter will be a Home Visitor/ Family Support Worker this year!

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Child screenings are one component that make Head Start a comprehensive program. By providing a wide array of screenings (health, dental, vision, hearing, speech, and developmental), we can assure that your child is ready to reach his/her full potential in learning.

THANK YOU to all the parents who have been prompt in turning in your child's physical and dental exams. Not only are you helping your child stay healthy, you are assisting us in being in full compliance with our federal regulations.

REMINDERS

- The center will be closed on Friday, September 28, 2018 for Staff In-service Day
- Please remember to send in an extra set of clothes for your child and to call the center if your child is going to be absent.