

Your child may be eligible for
free preschool!



Or go to:

www.greatstartjackson.org

and click on "find a preschool" or call any of
the programs listed below.

ABC Academy

JCC	768-9323
Lansing Ave.	784-9161
Laurence Ave.	783-3040

Columbia School District

Brooklyn	592-6632
Miller	592-2157

Community Action Agency

Head Start & GSRP	788-6010
Ashton Ridge, Brooklyn Concord (FRIENDS), East Jackson Frost, Hunt, Lincoln, McHugh, Northeast Salvation Army, Springport, St. Johns, Tarrant	

Jackson Child Care Center

788-9212

Jackson Public Schools

841-2147	
Hunt, McCullough, Northeast, Sharp Park	

Michigan Center School District

764-3380

Napoleon Community Schools

764-0761	
Ackerson Lake Preschool	

Northwest Community Schools

569-2247

Springport Public Schools

857-3465

Vandercook Lake Public Schools

782-0342

Western School District

841-8770

"A Great Start to ensure every child in Jackson County is safe, healthy, eager and ready to succeed in school and become contributing, productive members of an economically stable Jackson community."

The Great Start Collaborative is comprised of a diverse group of community organizations, parents, business leaders, human service providers, early care and education professionals, non-profits, physical and mental health providers and charitable organizations all working together to ensure a great start for every child in Jackson County.

This resource brought to you by the Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County. For more information about the work of Great Start in your community please contact:

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Jackson County Free Preschool Programs



Serving children
ages 3-5
throughout
Jackson County

Head Start

- Free preschool program funded by the federal government
- Children of all abilities can participate in the program
- Programs for three and four year old children
- Teachers are certified in Early Childhood Education
- 2 Teachers to every 16 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



Why should you consider preschool for your child?

Attending a high-quality early childhood program prepares children to be successful in kindergarten and beyond. Experts agree that children who have quality early learning experiences are better prepared to be successful in school and throughout life. Preschool is the essential first step in your child's lifelong education.



Jackson County's free preschool opportunities, Head Start and the Great Start School Readiness Program, both use research based curriculum to prepare children both academically and socially for success in school. Support is also provided for parents and caregivers as well as access to community programs and services that support family life and child development.

Great Start School Readiness Program (GSRP)

- Free preschool program funded by the state of Michigan
- Children of all abilities can participate in the program
- Teachers are certified in Early Childhood Education
- 2 Teachers to every 16 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 programs
- Transportation is available for some programs
- 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

