

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP HEAD START (DICKINSON)

The Community Action Partnership Head Start serves Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark Counties in North Dakota through a Dickinson Center Base, a Mott Center Base, a Hettinger County Combination Base, and Home Base Program Service Options.

The Dickinson Center based program serves 105 preschoolers Monday – Thursday in a 3½ hour program option in partnership with the Dickinson Public Schools. Children attend either a morning (8:00 am – 11:30 am) or an afternoon session (12:15 pm – 3:45 pm). Preschool children with disabilities from the Dickinson Public School district are integrated into the Head Start classrooms.

The Mott Center based full day program option serves 15 preschool children Monday – Thursday in a 6½ hour program option (8:25 am – 2:55 pm) in partnership with the Mott-Regent Public Schools. Title I, preschool children with disabilities, and Head Start preschool children receive comprehensive preschool services in the same Head Start classroom.

The Hettinger Combination program option serves 40 preschoolers in two day part day sessions (AM or PM) in partnership with the Hettinger Public Schools. The preschool charges tuition for non Head Start eligible children. Five Head Start eligible children are enrolled in the Hettinger Public School Preschool.

Home Based Head Start Preschool Services provide Head Start services for 30 preschool children in Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark Counties. The home based model provides weekly home visits for 1½ hour and preschool socialization experiences where clusters of home based families come together for 3 hours twice a month. The children receive a preschool experience and parents participate in training to support their role as parents and assist them in meeting their family goals.

The Head Start teachers hold North Dakota teaching licenses with early childhood education credentials and the home base visitors hold either a teaching credential, social work license and/or child development associate/family development specialist credentials. In addition to the teaching staff, a licensed social worker is on staff to assist families in meeting their own goals through accessing resources available throughout the community. Finally, a licensed nurse monitors the children's health needs to ensure that each child is healthy and "ready to learn".