At Early Head Start...

At Early Head Start, we encourage parents and caregivers to take an active role in their child's education and serve as leaders and decision makers. Members of our Early Head Start Policy Council help to make decisions about our program goals, curriculum and more. Parents and caregivers also participate in monthly Parent Committee meetings.

“Being part of Early Head Start and Maternity Care Coalition has been a wonderful opportunity for my son TJ and me. My Advocate Karissa has taught TJ so much. She has taught him his letters, numbers, and colors. He has progressed so much through this program, and it has helped us as a family. We have learned that not only can the Advocates teach him, but that we can be his teachers, too.”

—Stacey Shoupe
Parent at MCC’s Norristown Early Head Start site

Maternity Care Coalition Mission Statement

To improve maternal and child health and wellbeing through the collaborative efforts of individuals, families, providers and communities.

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Admissions, the provisions of services, and referrals of clients shall be made without regard to race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin (including limited English proficiency), age or sex.

Program services shall be made accessible to eligible persons with disabilities through the most practical and economically feasible methods available. These methods include, but are not limited to, equipment redesign, the provision of aides, and the use of alternative service delivery locations. Structural modifications shall be considered only as a last resort among available methods.

Any individual/client/patient/student (and/or their guardian) who believes they have been discriminated against, may file a complaint of discrimination with: Maternity Care Coalition Early Head Start, 2000 Mifflin Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19145.

www.maternitycarecoalition.org

Early Head Start
Building a foundation for life-long learning.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
267-514-6679
What is Early Head Start?

Early Head Start (EHS) is an early care and education program that provides prenatal, home and center-based services to income-eligible families with children ages 0-3. EHS serves families in their homes or in childcare centers located in South Philadelphia, Norristown, Pottstown and lower Bucks County, including:

- The highest quality educational and family support
- Free developmental and health screenings for children
- Services for children with disabilities
- Connections to community resources for job training, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, medical and dental care and more
- Baby basics such as diapers, gently used clothing and infant formula

How will Early Head Start help my family?

EHS works with the entire family to make sure all children are ready for school with a focus on individual needs and goals. EHS includes families in all decisions because parents are their children’s first and most important teachers. Families are involved in:

- Setting goals for themselves and their children,
- Participating in parent-child activities where parents and children play, learn and share experiences.
- Helping to oversee the program including serving on the parent-led Policy Council.

Is my family eligible for Early Head Start?

You may be eligible for services if you are:

- Pregnant or have a child under 3 years of age
- Have an income at or below the federal poverty guideline
- Live in South Philadelphia, Norristown, Pottstown or lower Bucks County
- Have a child with a disability

For more information or to see if your family is eligible, please contact:

- **South Philadelphia**
  - 215.551.6330
- **Norristown**
  - 610.277.1505
- **Pottstown**
  - 610.819.6200
- **Lower Bucks County**
  - 610.277.1505

Families raising children with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.