

FALL  
2025



## Holiday Schedule (Administrative Offices)

**Thanksgiving**  
November 27th & 28th

**Christmas**  
December 24th, 25th & 26th

## Program Mission

Educating children and  
empowering families.



## Recruitment

YVEDDI Head Start is still accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year!

If you know of a family who has a child that turned 3 or 4 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> please refer them to a Family Advocate.



On December 1, 2025, the Head Start staff came together for their monthly training session held at Coley Hall in Elkin. The training sessions focused on staff mental health and dealing with holiday-related stress and anxiety.

Staff enjoyed a catered meal by Southern on Main provided by Head Start.

We had some time set aside for a few games of Bingo and staff participated in two contests including Most-Festive Dressed and Ugliest Christmas Sweater. The winners were Mary Ann Wagoner and Hayleigh Simpson. They received a small gift.

Head Start staff participate in 16 days of training each year. Required topics are covered by management staff and content area experts from the community.

Head Start is continually striving to be the best preschool choice for children ages 3-5 in the YVEDDI service area.

If you or someone you know is looking for quality preschool education for a child between the ages of 3-5, please contact our office at 336-367-4993.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER



Please note that Head Start delays and closings due to inclement weather will follow their local school system unless otherwise contacted. *When Head Start is closed due to inclement weather, all Head Start activities are cancelled including Parent Meetings, Policy Council meetings and workshops.*

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, chat with them online via their website, or text HOME to 741741 (multiple languages available). If this is an emergency, call 911.

Speak to a Licensed Clinician:  
1-888-235-4673  
(HOPE)

[www.yveddi.com](http://www.yveddi.com)



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Specialist

## Do you have a child with disabilities?



IDEA - the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (p. L. 102-119) was passed by Congress and requires that all states and territories provide a public school education to children with disabilities from ages 3 to 21, no matter how severe their disabilities.

This law promises to children with disabilities a “free appropriate public education” at public expense, that their educational placement is based on an evaluation of each child’s own special needs and that an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is planned for your child and states the services they will receive.

If you have a child with disabilities be sure they are receiving the special education they deserve. If you need further information, please call the Head Start Office at (336) 367-4993 and we will be glad to help.

Every year, Boonville Head Start carves a pumpkin and places it in a container to track the process of decomposition. They then put it outside in hopes it will grow new pumpkins. Well, this year, it looks like Pumpkin Jack has produced eight little pumpkins! What a great experience for the children!

Thank you, BeLinda and Tina, for providing such wonderful learning opportunities for the



- Granite City had its first fire drill of the school
- year. There was a little hiccup—no one let the
- fire department know it was just a drill, so they
- showed up! The kids didn’t mind though—the
- firefighters spent time talking with them and
- showing off the trucks, gear, and equipment.
- What a fun surprise and a great learning mo-
- ment!
- Thanks to Emma and Lindsey for snapping
- these pictures!



Jonesville Head Start

The young athletes fairy stopped for a visit and the kids had a great time with the new equipment!





**NCWorks Online** is a one-stop online resource for job seekers and employers in North Carolina. Job seekers can search for jobs, create resumes, and find education and training. Visit the website today [www.ncworks.gov](http://www.ncworks.gov) or stop by one of the office locations listed below.

<p>Surry County NCWorks Career Center 942 W, Pine Street Mount Airy, NC 27030</p>	<p>Phone: (336) 415-6120 Email: <a href="mailto:surrycounty@NCWORKS.gov">surrycounty@NCWORKS.gov</a></p> <p>Days/Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Friday 8:30 AM-12:00PM</p>
<p>Yadkin County Workforce Center 1001 College Dr. Yadkinville, NC 27055</p>	<p>Phone: (336) 415-6120 Email: <a href="mailto:yadkincounty@NCWORKS.gov">yadkincounty@NCWORKS.gov</a></p> <p>Days/Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM</p>
<p>Davie County Workforce Center DDCC Library 1205 South Salisbury Street Room #115 Mocksville, NC 27028</p>	<p>Phone: (336) 464-0520 Email: <a href="mailto:daviecounty@NCWORKS.gov">daviecounty@NCWORKS.gov</a></p> <p>Days/Hours of operation: Tuesday 8 AM - 12:00 PM Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p>
<p>Forsyth County-NCWorks Career Center 2701 University Parkway Winston Salem, NC 27105</p>	<p>Phone: (336) 464-0520 Email: <a href="mailto:forsythcounty@NCWORKS.gov">forsythcounty@NCWORKS.gov</a></p> <p>Days/Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Friday 8:30 AM-12:00 PM</p>

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND SCHOOL READINESS

Research shows that when parents are doing well, their children are happier and more successful in school. To help families achieve success, we team each family with a Family Advocate. Because each family has different strengths and needs, the support your advocate provides will vary to suit your needs. There are countless ways in which Family Advocates can be a resource. Some of them include:

- Connecting you to services and resources you need, such as food, housing, medical assistance, or counseling services
- Providing information and support to help you meet your goals for education, job skills, housing, etc.
- Helping you understand and complete paperwork
- Supporting you in reaching personal and family goals and outcomes as well as during Parent Meetings.

Your Family Advocate is working with you to complete a Family Partnership Agreement. This is a plan you develop together that describes the goals set for your child and family, as well as the steps to meet your goals.

### Center Arrival/Departure Time

Head Start arrival time is from 8:00 AM – 8:30 A.M. No child will be accepted after 8:30 A.M. for any reason other than a doctor's appointment. Please bring a doctor's note to ensure proper documentation of absence.

If your child has an appointment, you will need to inform the teacher the day before or by 8:30 the morning of so that lunch can be ordered for your child. If, after the appointment your child cannot arrive by 10:30, you will need to make other arrangements for the day.

Departure is between 2:20-2:30 PM. In the event that an emergency arises and you cannot pick up your child by 2:30, you must immediately call the center to inform the teacher. We will attempt to contact your emergency contacts. Emergency contacts must be up to date and will be verified by staff. Chronic or repeated incidences may result in a report being made to the Department of Social Services.

**Note: The Mount Olive Head Start location has an adjusted schedule this school year**



**[www.NC211.org](http://www.NC211.org)**

Need Help, But Don't Know Where To Turn?  
**DIAL 2-1-1**

Free ▪ Confidential ▪ 24 Hours a Day ▪ Any Language

### Your connection to:

- Basic Needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- Child Care Services
- Consumer Help
- Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Health Care
- Housing
- Senior Services
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities

# Cut Down on Added Sugars

It's important to avoid or limit foods and drinks that are higher in added sugars. If you have a lot of added sugars in your diet, it's hard to get all the nutrients you need without also getting too many calories — and that may make it hard to stay at a healthy weight.

**Learn how to cut down on added sugars.**



## What are added sugars?

**Added sugars** include sugars that are added to foods and drinks — and foods packaged as sweeteners, such as table sugar, syrups, and honey. Added sugars are in foods and beverages such as:



Drinks like regular soda, sweetened coffee and tea drinks, fruit drinks that aren't 100% juice, energy drinks, and flavored milk



Sweet treats like cookies, cake, ice cream, donuts, and candy



Granola bars, flavored yogurt, and many breakfast cereals

Some foods and drinks have sugar naturally — like fruits, 100% fruit juice, plain milk, and plain yogurt. The sugars in these foods are **not** added sugars.



## What about fruit juice?

Most of the time, **choose whole fruits** instead of juice. If you do drink juice:

- Choose 100% fruit juice — which doesn't have added sugars
- Have a small serving

## MEDICATION SAFETY



We want to encourage our kids to explore and discover their world, so it's especially important to include medicine safety when childproofing your home. Here are a few tips on how to keep kids safe around medicine.

### Hard Facts about Medication Safety

Medicines are the leading cause of child poisoning.

In 2017, nearly 52,000 children under the age of six were seen in the emergency room for medicine poisoning. That's one child every ten minutes.

### Top Tips about Medication Safety

**Keep medicine up and away, out of reach and sight of children, even medicine you take every day.**

Kids are naturally curious and can easily get into things, like medicine, if they are kept in places within their reach. Put all medicines and vitamins at or above counter height where kids can't reach or see them.

**Consider places where kids get into medicine.** Children often find medicine kept in purses or on counters and nightstands. Place bags and briefcases on high shelves or hang them on hooks, out of children's reach and sight.

**Remember products you might not think about as medicine.** Health products such as vitamins, diaper rash creams and even eye drops can be harmful if kids get into them. Store these items out of reach and sight of children, just as you would over-the-counter and prescription medicines.

**Give medicine safely to children.** Use only the dosing device that comes with liquid medicine, not a kitchen spoon. When other caregivers are giving your child medicine, write clear instructions about what medicine to give, how much to give and when to give it. Using a medicine schedule can help with communication between caregivers.

**Save the Poison Help number in your phone and post it visibly at home: 1-800-222-1222.** Specialists at poison control centers provide free, confidential, expert medical advice 24 hours a day. They can answer questions about how to give or take medicine and help with poison emergencies.

**Share medicine safety information with family and friends.** Teach other caregivers such as family members, babysitters and friends about medicine safety and make sure they know the Poison Help number.

## Firearm Safety for Parents and Caregivers

- Did you know...
- Guns are in more than one third of all U.S. households? They're a very real danger to children, whether you own one or not.
- Of the 192 million firearms owned in the United States, 65 million are handguns. Research shows guns in homes are a serious risk to families.
- A gun kept in the home is far more likely to kill someone known to the family kill or injure a household member than kill or injure an intruder.
- A gun kept in the home triples the risk of homicide.
- The risk of suicide is five times more likely if a gun is kept in the home.
- Use these tips to ensure that you and the children in your care are safe from firearms:
- Children should not have access to firearms.
- Even if you don't own a gun, chances are your friends or neighbors do. That's why it's important to talk to kids about the potential dangers of guns, and what to do if they find one.
- Gun owners should always store firearms (including BB or pellet guns) unloaded and locked up, out of reach of children. Ammunition should be locked in a separate location, also out of reach of children.
- Quality safety devices, such as gun locks, lock boxes or gun safes, should be used for every gun kept in the home. Keep gun storage keys and lock combinations hidden in a separate location.
- Parents should talk to children about the hazards of gun use.
- Teach them never to touch or play with guns, and to tell an adult if they find a gun.
- Check with neighbors, friends and relatives or adults in any other homes where children may visit to ensure they follow safe storage practices if firearms are in their homes.

London Head Start  
Parent Meeting



Jack Koontz Head Start



Granite City 2 had such a cute way of making counting and stacking fun! What a great activity for those little fingers.



Granite City 3

Kiddos are working on learning their numbers. Emma and Lindsey are using creative ways to help the children recognize them.



Sandy Ridge pulled out their Special Olympics materials on this cold and rainy day! It looks like the children really enjoyed the activities. What a great way to promote teamwork, coordination, and physical development—even indoors!



Kids at Jonesville Head Start had an awesome first day!



Search and connect to support. Financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced-cost help starts here:



### WEATHERIZATION

The Department of Environmental Quality has designated funds to assist low-income families and individuals to have adequate heat in their homes and to reduce their utility costs by means of weatherization. The Heating Appliance Repair/Replacement Program (HARRP) can repair or replace a heating system that is functioning below the manufacturer's standards. Weatherization includes installing insulation, sealing air leaks, and performing measures that will reduce energy usage. To meet the financial requirements for assistance, the gross household income for the last 12 months cannot exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Index. To find out more information, call (336) 367-3535.



Look at all those smiling faces at Paynetown! Looks like the children really enjoyed their first full day of school. And.... they had a licensing visit this morning with NO violations!! Rockin' it at Paynetown!



Last spring, the students at Boonville Head Start planted tomatoes, and this year, they are harvesting them!



# Perfect Attendance



## August 2025

### **Boonville**

Nashla Camacho Garcia  
Grayland Combs  
Lilliana Cruz-Ruiz  
Mia Johnson  
Nora Johnson  
Lyanna Lyon  
Matthew Martin  
Tristan Millan  
Damon Ochoa  
Kolton Paschall

### **Granite City 2**

LeiLani Carico  
Alaina Combs  
Theodore Cook  
Jaime Fajardo  
Ashten Fonville  
Gianna Gonon Cotoc  
Carson Martin  
Ezekiel Reece  
Camila Rentas  
Ian Ruiz

### **Granite City 3**

Josiah Bevens  
Marvin Cardenas  
Dixie Easter  
Jensen King  
Oakleigh King  
Gatlan Motley  
Alena Perales-Beltran  
Kyra Torrence  
Salem Tucker  
Kayden Ward

### **Granite City 4**

Tallulah Duncan  
Julia Fajardo  
Leonardo Flores Vargas  
Isabella Hernandez  
Kora Hyde  
Octavia Jackson  
Yalitza Salgado-Hernandez  
Mazey Spence  
Elizabeth Willard

### **Jack Koontz (JK)**

Xavior Carachure-Porcayo  
Leo Catalan-Leoza  
Salem Cheston  
Rhaine Jackson  
RiKiya Jackson  
Dylan Melchor Llanes  
William Rogers  
Naomi Steele

### **Jonesville**

Liliana Acosta  
Athziri Avila-Rendon  
Oaklynn Castillo  
Jeffrey Combs  
Temperance Hauser  
Alessia Hernandez Perez  
Gustavo Hernandez Perez  
Niko Kraemer  
Eliza Morrison  
Chloe Sebastian

### **London**

Raelyn Bolyn  
Raeleigh Chilton  
Raven Davis  
Chrishun Hairston  
Chelsea Hulka  
Tucker Martin  
Kayden Page  
Maya Palacios  
Khalil Reynolds  
Nathan Stevens  
Miguel Varela  
Zayden Welch

### **Mocksville**

Amethyst Breaker  
Adalynn Chambers  
Aiden Hernandez  
Rajenda Johnson  
Kingsten Joyce  
Milo Kanetzky  
Kristal Marcia Espinal  
Roman Peebles  
Allison Quinteros Hernandez  
Mason Stathem  
Naomi Steele

### **Mount Olive**

Aubree Berry  
Violet Carter  
Kash Cathey  
Lilith Freeman  
Isaiah Hernandez  
Makenzie Howell  
Ava Hughart  
Magnolia Knight  
Bella Monty  
Waylon Perkins  
Amber Pillock  
Roran Snow  
Arthur Stevens

### **Paynetown**

Liliana Collins  
Alexa Duncan  
Gael Garcia Maldonado  
Liam Gwynn  
Zaqwan Lopez  
Ezio Ochoa  
Armando Seda Rivera  
Bjorn Walker  
Storm Westervelt

### **Sandy Ridge**

Colton Beck  
Key Bevill  
Grant Blankenship  
Cameron Cook  
Jose Juan Hernandez  
Ulfric Martin  
Landon Nunn  
Daniel Rhoten  
Alexander Spencer  
Adalyn Tucker  
Amora Wisdom  
Cooper Young

### **Yadkinville 1**

Ana Angel-Pelagio  
Miguel Burgos-Trinidad  
Yanitzen Cervantes-Vera  
Liliana Conte

### **Paisley Conte**

Mateo Gama  
Asher Rankin  
Ailany Romero Toleno  
Elias Romero Toleno

### **Yadkinville 3**

Leah Alberto Valle  
Emiliano Bernal Pelagio  
Journey Freeman  
Angelina George  
Stoney Gillispie  
Hudson Phillips  
Dylan Saenz  
Natalia Sanchez  
Tallulah Williams  
Cohen Wilson

## September 2025

### **Boonville**

Liam Cooper  
Lilliana Cruz-Ruiz  
Skyler Myer  
Paiytin Willard

### **Granite City 2**

LeiLani Carico

### **Granite City 3**

Gatlan Motley  
Shanvi Patel  
Salem Tucker  
Roberto Vargas Ramirez

### **Granite City 4**

Daniel Cirilo-Martinez  
Tallulah Duncan  
Isabella Hernandez  
Mazey Spence



# Perfect Attendance

**Jack Koontz**  
Moises Gonzalez-Gonzalez

**Jonesville**  
Lilliana Acosta  
Athziri Avila-Rendon  
Jeffrey Combs  
Iker Morales Brito  
Chloe Sebastian

**London**  
Carter Obie  
Maya Palacios  
Miguel Varela

**Mocksville**  
Sophia Estrada  
Mason Stathem

**Mount Olive**  
Isaiah Hernandez  
Ava Hughart  
Bella Monty  
Amber Pillock

**Paynetown**  
Dylan Bautista Deras  
Liliana Collins  
Alexa Duncan  
Gabriela Mojica  
Ezio Ochoa  
Lucas Ochoa  
Rickiel Ortiz Gonzalez

**Sandy Ridge**  
Colton Beck  
Key Bevell

**Yadkinville 1**  
Ana Angel Pelagio  
Miguel Burgos-Trinidad  
Yanitzen Cervantes-Vera  
Adalynn Cline  
Liliana Conte

Paisley Conte  
Alina Powell  
Asher Rankin

**Yadkinville 3**  
Leah Alberto Valle  
Journee Freeman  
Alani Horton  
Olaric Robideau  
Cohen Wilson

**October 2025**  
**Boonville**  
Lyanna Lyon  
Skyler Myer

**Granite City 2**  
Leilani Carico  
Alaina Combs  
Ian Ruiz

**Granite City 3**  
Alora Garcia-Martinez  
Salem Tucker

**Granite City 4**  
Tallulah Duncan  
Carson Reeves  
Isabel Salgado Hernandez  
Yalitza Salgado-Hernandez  
Mazey Spence

**Jack Koontz**  
Salem Cheston

**Jonesville**  
Piper Ferguson  
Alessia Hernandez Perez  
Gustavo Hernandez Perez

**London**  
Raelyn Bolyn

Raven Davis  
Chrishun Hairston  
Chelsea Hulka  
Tucker Martin  
Miguel Varela

**Mocksville**  
Kingsten Joyce  
Roman Peebles

**Mount Olive**  
Aubree Berry  
Isaiah Hernandez  
Arthur Stevens

**Paynetown**  
Liam Gwynn  
Gabriela Mojica  
Rickiel Ortiz Gonzalez  
Robdiel Sierra Gonzalez  
Roberto Sierra Gonzalez  
Bjorn Walker

**Sandy Ridge**  
Key Bevell, Jr.  
Amora Wisdom

**Yadkinville 1**  
Yanitzen Cervantes-Vera  
Liliana Conte  
Paisley Conte  
Mateo Gama  
Ailany Romero Toleno  
Elias Romero Toleno

**Yadkinville 3**  
Leah Alberto Valle  
Emiliano Bernal Pelagio  
Olaric Robideau  
Tallulah Williams



## Great Job!



### DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10 percent of preschool (one or two days every few weeks) can

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills
- Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that's hard to break

High quality preschool programs have many benefits for your child. The routines your child develops in preschool will continue throughout school. You can make the most of preschool by encouraging your child to attend every day!



## Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma

### Belief Statement

We, YVEDDI Head Start, believe that preventing, recognizing, responding to, and reporting shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma (SBS/AHT) is an important function of keeping children safe, protecting their healthy development, providing quality child care, and educating families.

### Background

SBS/AHT is the name given to a form of physical child abuse that occurs when an infant or small child is violently shaken and/or there is a trauma to the head. Shaking may last only a few seconds but can result in severe injury or even death. This policy has been developed and adopted in order to prevent SBS/AHT according to North Carolina Child Care rules and regulations.

### Procedure/Practice

How to Recognize Signs and Symptoms:

Children will be observed for signs of abusive head trauma. Some signs and symptoms include: irritability and/or high pitched crying, difficulty staying awake/lethargy or loss of consciousness, difficulty breathing, inability to lift the head, seizures, lack of appetite, vomiting, bruises, poor feeding/sucking, lack of smiling or vocalization, and the inability of the eyes to track and/or decreased muscle tone. Bruises may be found on the upper arms, rib cage, or head resulting from gripping or from hitting the head.

### How Staff will Respond:

If SBS/AHT is suspected, staff will:

1. Call **911** Immediately upon suspicion of SBS/AHT and inform the Director and/or On-Site Administrator.
2. Call the parents/guardians.
3. If the child has stopped breathing, trained staff will begin CPR.

### How to Report/Local Resources:

Instances of suspected child maltreatment in child care are reported to Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) by calling 1-800-859-0829 or by emailing [webmasterdcd@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:webmasterdcd@dhhs.nc.gov)

### Instances of suspected maltreatment in the home are reported to the county Department of Social Services.

Davie: (336) 753-6250  
Stokes: (336) 593-2861  
Surry: (336) 401-8800  
Yadkin: (336) 679-4210

## YVEDDI Head Start Lockdown Procedures

A lockdown is implemented when a situation occurs that may be hazardous to health or is life threatening.

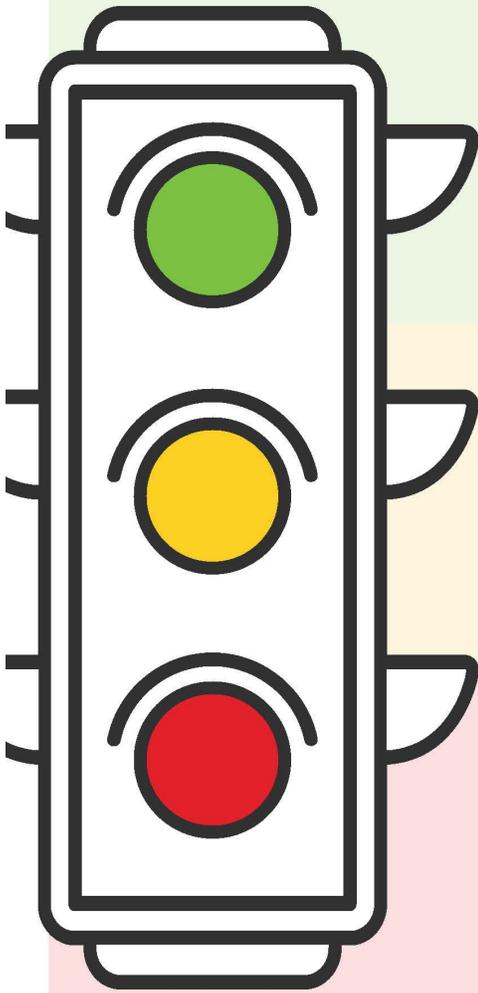
A lockdown is intended to limit access and hazards by controlling and managing staff and students in order to increase safety and reduce possible victimization. A lockdown may be called by school officials, law enforcement agencies, Head Start Administrative Staff, or other emergency responders. A lockdown may be called for a variety of reasons including: weapons, intruders, police activity in or around the school, contamination or hazardous materials, terrorist events, or even weather.

A lockdown means **no one** is allowed to enter the center and **no one** is allowed to exit the center. Children are not permitted to leave the school/classroom during a lockdown. Doors are locked and parents must follow the directions of school/Head Start personnel.

### A Lockdown Includes:

- Teacher/Center Director calls the Police immediately and provides as much information as possible
- Fire evacuation alarms must not be sounded
- All doors, windows, and classrooms will be locked
- Blinds will be closed
- No one will be permitted to enter or leave the building.
- Lockdown will continue until the school/HS classroom receives an "all clear" signal from emergency or administrative personnel
- Students and teachers will remain in their classrooms
- Parents will not be allowed to pick up children from school/HS classroom
- Parents must not call the school/classroom as the phone must only be available to emergency personnel
- Emergency Safety Evacuation routes are posted with two exit routes from every location in the building





# GO

## Eat anytime

Go foods can be eaten almost anytime and include fruits and vegetables.



# SLOW

## Eat sometimes

Slow foods may be higher in fat, sugar, sodium and calories.



# WHOA

## Eat once in a while

Whoa foods are the highest in unhealthy fat and added sugars.



### GO FOODS

*Frequency: all meals*

- Fresh, frozen or canned vegetables without any added fat or sauces
- All fresh, frozen, canned (in juice) fruits
- Whole grains
- Lean meat like chicken, turkey and tuna
- Low fat yogurt or cheese
- Egg whites

### SLOW FOODS

*Frequency: 1-2 times a day*

- Vegetables with added fat or sauces
- 100% Juice
- Fruit canned in light syrup
- Baked fries
- Baked chicken nuggets
- Dried Fruits
- Processed Cheese

### WHOA FOODS

*Frequency: 1-2 times a week*

- Pre-fried foods, like fish sticks
- Fruit canned in heavy syrup
- Waffles and pancakes with syrup
- Processed meats, hot dogs
- Muffins

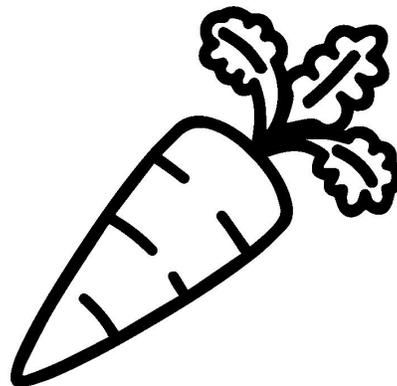
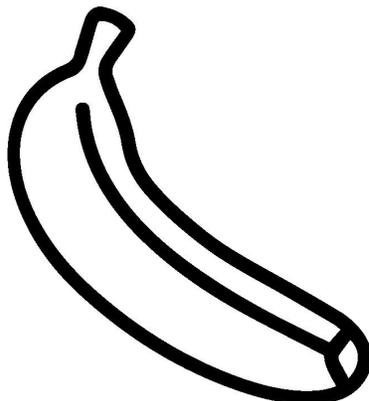
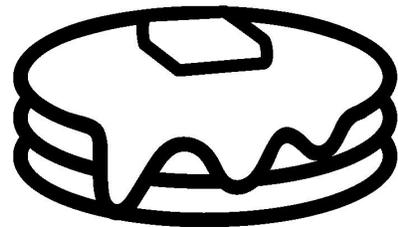
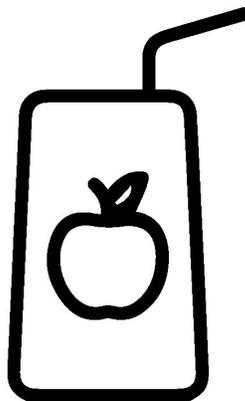
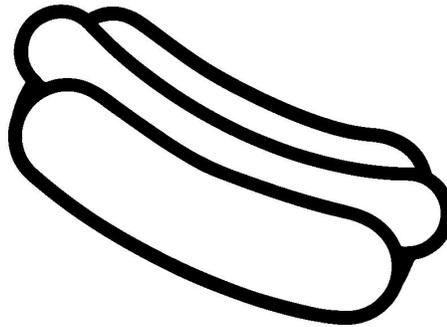
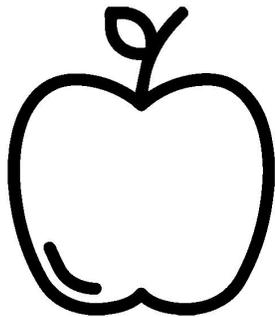
## Making smart and healthy food choices is as easy as Go, Slow, Whoa.

Learning the difference between foods they can have every day and foods that should be special treats can help grow healthy kids and help children establish lifelong healthy habits.

# GO, SLOW, WHOA Foods

Look at the food choices below.

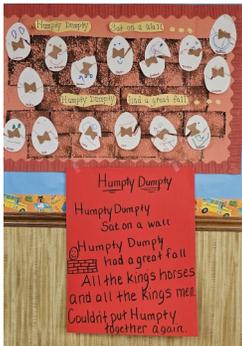
Using a green, yellow and red crayon, color each food item to match if they are a GO FOOD = Green, SLOW FOOD = Yellow or WHOA FOOD = Red.



Our friends at Mount Olive are practicing routines and having fun on the playground!



Boonville Head Start has been busy! They read Humpty Dumpty and then created their own versions. During this activity, BeLinda was able to capture about six anecdotal notes per child—what a fantastic way to document their learning! Great planning, BeLinda!



- Big smiles, straight lines
- Boonville is ready to shine!
- Way to go BeLinda and Tina!



- Yadkinville Head Start had two visitors from the Yadkinville Police Department today! Our kids were excited to learn how they help keep us safe in our community!



“Measure your success, not by money, but by the number of faces you bring a smile upon each day.”  
~Unknown ~



Jonesville Head Start

We had a visit today from Arlington Fire Department where one of our parents volunteers and he brought the trucks for the kids!



The children at Boonville Head Start are enjoying learning activities connected to an AI's Pal's lesson.



Looks like the children are having fun at London! The teachers look engaged during Free Choice Centers. Way to Go London! Keep up the great work!



Sandy Ridge  
September Parent Club  
Parents and children doing an activity together.



Jonesville Head Start  
Police Department was on-site for a visit



Mocksville Head Start  
Parent Meeting



Paynetown Parent Meeting  
We had a great turnout of parents and kids and they painted pumpkins!



Paynetown Head Start  
Scarecrows



## Family Engagement

It is important for YVEDDI Head Start to create and promote an environment where parents and families feel respected, valued, and encouraged to become involved in their child's school experience. Our hope is that parents are truly partners and are involved in all aspects of the program. We encourage you to participate in activities held in their child's classroom.

Each Head Start Center has a Parent Club Committee that meets monthly for about an hour. This is an opportunity for parents of the center to get together and share ideas and concerns pertaining to their center and their community.

During Parent Club Committee meetings, we also provide trainings on topics that parents have suggested. The meeting is held within the first two weeks of every month. Please check with your child's teacher for the specific time and date that was voted on by the class parents/guardians. Your opinion and voice is very important and we hope to see you there.

We also provide opportunities for parents to develop leadership skills, as well as opportunities to advocate within the community. The Policy Council, which meets on a monthly basis, provides opportunities for parents to identify community needs and develop strategies to address those needs.

Parents from each center's Parent Committees are elected to Policy Council and receive training to help them better understand their roles and responsibilities as members.

Policy Council is comprised of parents, staff, and community partners. Parents are elected into the officer positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. It is this group's responsibility to oversee all components of the Head Start program including hiring of staff, program budgets, and program policies.

Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the program. Volunteer opportunities include reading to children, helping teachers with activities, and helping during mealtime. To honor volunteers in our program, we elect a Parent of the Year for our program each year. Our Parent of the Year receives the opportunity to attend the annual North Carolina Head Start Association conference.



## Child Abuse Prevention Guidelines

Each day more than five children die as a result of abuse or neglect. On average, a child abuse report is made every 10 seconds for a total of approximately 3.3 million child abuse reports annually.

Childhelp has developed the following child abuse prevention guidelines to help keep your child, or a child you care for, from becoming a statistic.

- Never discipline your child when your anger is out of control.
- Participate in your child's activities and get to know your child's friends.
- Never leave your child unattended, especially in the car.
- Teach your child to use their voice to allow them to prevent abuse in their own life.
- Ask questions; for example, when your child tells you he or she doesn't want to be with someone, this could be a red flag.
- Listen to them and believe what they say.
- Be aware of changes in your child's behavior or attitude and inquire into it.
- Teach your child what to do if you and your child become separated while away from home.
- Teach your child the correct names of his/her private body parts.
- Be alert for any talk that reveals premature sexual understanding.
- Pay attention when someone shows greater than normal interest in your child.
- Make certain your child's school or day care center will release him/her only to you or someone you officially designate.

To learn more about child abuse prevention, call the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD® (1-800- 422-4453). The 24/7 hotline is staffed with professional counselors who offer information about child abuse prevention as well as crisis intervention, literature and referrals to thousands of emergency, social service and support resources.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10 percent of preschool (one or two days every few weeks) can:

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills
- Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that's hard to break

High quality preschool programs have many benefits for your child. The routines your child develops in preschool will continue throughout school. You can make the most of preschool by encouraging your child to attend every day!

Jonesville is rocking it today with some fun activities!  
Halloween fun inside.



Granite City 2  
We made patterns and glued them onto our turkey headbands for our November Parent Club Meeting.



Mocksville Head Start Fire Department visit



We had the best time at Mt Olives Parent Club Meeting last night. We had healthy snacks, pumpkin painting, face painting by a parent, pin the nose on the pumpkin (a dad made this and all the accessories and prizes to go with it), spider splat game, cross words for the parents, and lots of getting to know each other and enjoying each others company. The kids had a blast! We also had music and dancing (pictured Ms. Nelums and a dad doing the cha cha slide) Parents were engaged and led all of the activity stations!





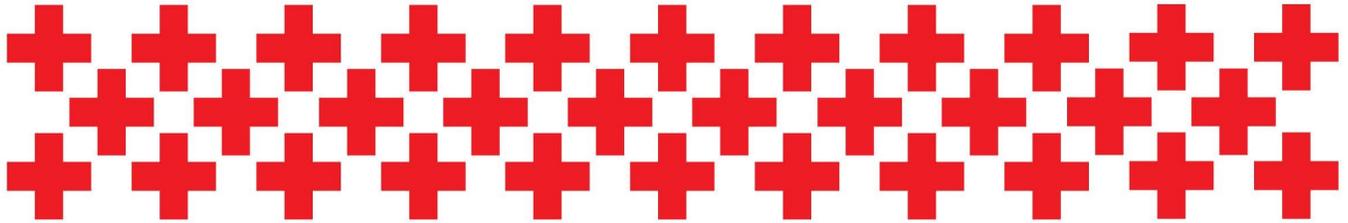
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## Hosted by YVEDDI Head Start



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If yes, your child qualifies for Head Start!



# YVEDDI Head Start

Do you or someone you know have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, 2025?

If so, you can complete an application for your child NOW for the 2025-2026 school year.  
Scan the QR code below with your camera to contact us!

For more information call: (336) 367-4993 x 246

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- Family Services and goal setting
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- Ensure delivery of Health and Dental Services



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### NEEDED FROM PARENTS

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Shot Record
- Proof of income for each parent/caregiver
- Insurance/Medicaid Card

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\*Head Start is following all required state health guidelines regarding COVID-19 to ensure the health of our staff and the families we serve. We may potentially offer remote services, depending on the status of the pandemic.

