What is Head Start/Early Head Start?

Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development programs which serve children from birth to age 5, pregnant women, and their families. They are child-focused programs, and have the overall goal of increasing the social competence of young children in either low-income and homeless families or both. Social competence means the child’s everyday effectiveness in dealing with either his or her present environment and later responsibilities in school and life. Social competence takes into account the interrelatedness of social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development.

What is Oglala Lakota College Head Start/Early Head Start?

Our goal is to provide a full range of services to meet the needs of Lakota children from prenatal-5 and their families addressing cognitive, emotional, physical, nutritional, mental health, and Lakota language and culture development of the children and the development needs of families.

Who is eligible to participate?

All prenatal mothers and children from birth to age five, whose families meet federal requirements for eligibility, are encouraged to apply for the Wounspe Oaye Tokahe program.

How does my family apply?

Please read this eligibility application carefully and fill it out completely. It contains important information that is used to determine if your child is eligible for Head Start/Early Head Start services based on the federal requirements. OLC selection criteria is located on page 3 of the attached eligibility application.

Checklist

These documents must be submitted with the attached eligibility application.

☐ Completed Eligibility Application (required for determining eligibility)
☐ Family’s Proof of Income (required for determining eligibility)
☐ Immunization Record (current for age as required by SD school immunization law 13-28-7.1)
☐ Guardianship/Custody Papers(if applicable)
☐ IFSP/IEP Documentation (if applicable)

What Happens Next?

When we receive your eligibility application, it will be reviewed, once your family has been determined eligible you will be contacted to schedule an interview to complete the registration process.
ELIGIBLE CHILD DEMOGRAPHICS:

First: ___________________________ Middle: _________ Legal Last Name: ___________________________
DOB: ______ /____ /______ Race: __________________ Ethnicity: __________________
Living Address: ___________________________ Mailing Address: ___________________________
City: __________________________________ State: _____ Zip Code: ___________ Phone: _______________
Gender: Male □ Female □ Language: English □ Lakota □ Spanish □ Other □ __________________
Concerns about child’s overall health and development: Yes □ No □
Describe concerns: ___________________________________________________________________________
Concerns expressed by: Family Member □ Medical Provider □ Other Person or Agency □ _______________

CHILDEVALUATION/DISABILITIES INFORMATION

Has your child ever received early intervention services from an outside agency? □Yes □No
If Yes, Please state where:

Has your child ever received an evaluation because of concerns of overall health and developmental delay? □Yes □No
If Yes, Please explain and state where evaluation was completed at:

Is your child currently receiving services to address any special needs or disabilities that he/she might have? □Yes □No
If Yes, Please state where:

Is your child currently on an IEP (individual Education Plan) or IFSP (Individual Family Service Plan)?
□Yes □No
If Yes, Please attach a copy of the IEP or IFSP:

CUSTODY INFORMATION Please Note: If you answer YES to these questions below, we will need a copy of the court order for our file.

Who has legal custody of this child? Are there visitation/protection orders we should be aware of?

FAMILY MEMBERS DEMOGRAPHICS:

Primary Parent/Guardian Email address:____________________________________________
First: ___________________________ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: ___________________________
DOB: ______ /____ /______ Relationship to Child: ___________________________ Race: __________________
Gender: Male □ Female □ Marital Status: Single □ Separated □ Married □ Divorced □
Language: English □ Lakota □ Spanish □ Other □ __________________
Living Address: ___________________________ Mailing Address: ___________________________
City: __________________________________ State: _____ Zip Code: ___________ Phone: _______________
Home Phone: ___________________ Cell Phone: ___________________ Work Phone: ___________________
Occupation/Education:
□ Employed Full-time/In-school Part-time □ School Full-time □ Unemployed
□ In-school Full-time/Employed Part-time □ Employed □ Other □ In Job Training Program
Level of Education: ___________________________ Degree: ___________________________
**Secondary Parent/Guardian**

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*This is required information: Please fill out completely and attach copies (not originals) of forms that provide proof of your income. Proof of income can be presented through W-2 forms, Individual Tax Form 1040, pay stub/pay envelopes, current public assistance receipt (notice of Action forms) Written employers statement, Social Security, and/or forms that verify income from other sources (child support, etc).*

**Types of Services or Financial Assistance Currently Receiving or Received in the past 12 months:**

| ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) | ☐ Child Support/Alimony |
| ☐ Foster Care/Adoption Subsidy | ☐ WIC |
| ☐ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) aka Food Stamps | ☐ TANF |
| ☐ Medical Financial Assistance (i.e., Medicaid/Medicare) | ☐ No Services Received |
1. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

2. I will notify the agency immediately if there is any change in my income, family size, residence, employment, or reason for needing child development services.

3. I understand that the information about my eligibility may be reviewed by representatives of the State of South Dakota, The Federal Government, independent auditors, or others as necessary for the administration of the program.

4. I understand that I will receive a notice of approval or disapproval of my eligibility application.

5. I understand that this certification is not complete until all documentation is submitted and this form has been reviewed, signed, dated by an agency representative and signed and dated by me.

6. I understand there is additional paperwork for me to fill out if my child is approved for Head Start/Early Head Start.

7. Under the South Dakota Privacy Act (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794d), you have the right to know that the information you provide on your application for agency programming is classified and cannot be disclosed without your permission. The information you provide on this application is used to determine eligibility, and to provide program assistance, if applicable.

8. I give permission to Wounspe Oaye Tokahe Oglala Lakota College Head Start/Early Head Start Program, to verify my income and any materials related to my eligibility and supply a copy of this application to other Human Service programs that require this information. To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate and true.

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Please complete and sign this form and return it to _____________________________ no later than _______.

Our agency participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and receives Federal reimbursement for the meals served to your child(ren). The Federal regulations for the CACFP require us to collect and update this information on an annual basis for all of our enrolled children. This information is used to confirm your child(ren)’s current enrollment in the center and thus in the CACFP. All information is confidential and will be shared with appropriate personnel and state/federal staff as needed. Note: The indication of racial and ethnic background is optional and will not affect eligibility for the Program. This information is used for reporting purposes only. By providing this information you will assist us in assuring that this program is administered in a nondiscriminatory manner. If racial / ethnic background is not reported, a visual identification of the child’s race and ethnicity will be made.

Full Name(s) of Enrolled Child(ren) | * Race/Ethnicity | Date of Birth | Normal Hours In Care
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| | | | 8:30 to 3:30 M T W T F B L PM
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* Race: Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity: American Indian or Alaskan Native / Asian / Black or African American / Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander / White
** B = Breakfast L = Lunch PM = PM Snack

Special needs or instructions (i.e. allergies): ____________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Name: ______________________________________ Phone Number: ______________
Home Address: _______________________________ City: _____________ State: ______ Zip: __________
Mother’s Employer: ______________________________________ Phone Number: ______________
Father’s Employer: ______________________________________ Phone Number: ______________
Family Doctor: _______________________ In Emergency Call: __________________

Parent Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________

"In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Office use Only: Enrollment Date: _______ Update Date: _______ Dismissal Date: _______

Staff Use Only

Applicant’s Name________________________________________