SCS Head Start has six conveniently located centers to accommodate families living throughout Cheshire and Sullivan counties.

**Ashuelot Head Start**
161 Main Street
Ashuelot, NH 03441
603.719.4383
ashueloths@scshelps.org

**Claremont Head Start**
6 Kinney Place
Claremont, NH 03743
603.719.4304
claremonths@scshelps.org

**Jaffrey Head Start**
35 Oak Street
Jaffrey, NH 03452
603.719.4335
jaffreyhs@scshelps.org

**Keene Head Start**
64 Dunbar Street
Keene, NH 03431
603.719.4175
keenehs@scshelps.org

**Newport Head Start**
360 Sunapee Street
Newport, NH 03773
603.719.4360
newporths@scshelps.org

**Swanzey Head Start**
37 West Street
West Swanzey, NH 03469
603.719.4370
swanzeyhs@scshelps.org

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Southwestern Community Services

A Community Action Agency Serving Cheshire and Sullivan Counties

**Cheshire County**

PO Box 603
63 Community Way
Keene, New Hampshire 03431
Phone: (603) 352.7512
Fax: (603) 352.3618
Open 8:30 to 4:30, Monday-Friday

**Sullivan County**

PO Box 1338
31 Pleasant Street, PMB 4
Claremont, New Hampshire 03743
Phone: (603) 542.9528
Fax: (603) 542.3140
Open 8:30 to 4:30, Monday-Friday

Toll Free: (800) 529.0005
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ABOUT HEAD START

SCS Head Start is a federally-funded early childhood education program comprised of six NAEYC-accredited centers and partnerships with many community agencies. SCS Head Start values community engagement and seeks volunteers and community partners to assist us with the implementation of various program activities and carrying out our mission for providing quality services.

The program provides comprehensive early childhood services for 170 children of income-eligible families in both Cheshire and Sullivan counties. Two of our centers offer part-day services, and four of our centers offer an extended day program. All centers use the standard partial-year model.

PARENT, FAMILY, & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Head Start recognizes parents as the first and most important teachers of their children and provides many opportunities for them to engage in their child’s education and learning in preparation for kindergarten. We encourage parent volunteers in and out of the classroom. We also provide resources and activities for parents to engage in their children’s learning at home.

We offer assistance to help families find transportation to all Head Start-sponsored events, including school. Head Start also supports families by helping them set and achieve attainable goals for self-sufficiency and empowerment in their personal lives.

HEALTH SERVICES

Within the first 45 days of a child’s enrollment, Head Start conducts screenings for vision, hearing, and social, emotional and behavioral development. SCS Head Start also conducts dental, height and weight, hemoglobin, and lead screenings to ensure that all children are supported for early prevention, detection, and intervention.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Head Start offers children a nutritious, family-style breakfast and lunch each day and meets all special dietary and health needs of individual children, ensuring that children’s nutrition needs are met through customized, individual health or special diet plans prescribed by their physicians. For more information, please contact the Health and Nutrition Services Manager.

HEAD START MANAGERS

Head Start Director 603.719.4164
Family Services Manager 603.719.4160
Education/Disabilities Manager 603.719.4163
Nutrition Services Manager 603.719.4192