

CONTACT US

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

Claremont Head Start

6 Kinney Place
Claremont, NH 03743
603.719.4304

Jaffrey Head Start

35 Oak Street
Jaffrey, NH 03452
603.719.4335

Keene Head Start

64 Dunbar Street
Keene, NH 03431
603.719.4175

Newport Head Start

360 Sunapee Street
Newport, NH 03773
603.719.4360

Swansey Head Start

37 West Street
West Swansey, NH 03469
603.719.4370

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
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Open 8:30 to 4:30, Monday-Friday

Toll Free: (800) 529.0005

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Head Start

A free, quality preschool for
children ages three to five



ABOUT HEAD START

SCS Head Start is a federally-funded early childhood education program comprised of five 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 135 children of income-eligible families in both Cheshire and Sullivan counties. Our five centers offer an extended day program. All centers use the standard partial-year model.



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SCS Head Start's Curriculum and Child Assessment System supports each child's individual growth and learning through intentionally planned, developmentally appropriate activities and experiences, provided to foster children's physical, social, and emotional development, language and literacy development, and math and science development with the ultimate goal of getting them ready for kindergarten.

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.



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.



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.



HEAD START MANAGERS

Head Start Director	603.719.4164
Family Services Manager	603.719.4160
Education Services Manager	603.719.4163
Behavior Specialist/ Disabilities Services Manager	603.719.4290
Nutrition Services Manager	603.719.4192