

Locations

Head Start Sites:

Albion, Northwestern Elementary School

Corry, 101 North Center St.

Lake City/Girard, Elk Valley Elementary School

Millcreek, 2340 West Grandview Blvd.

North East, St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Union City, First United Methodist Church

Erie:

Harbor Homes

John Horan Garden Apartments

Lake City Dwellings

Shiloh Baptist Church

St. John the Baptist Church

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Pre-K Counts Sites:

East Springfield, Springfield Elementary School

Lake City/Girard, Elk Valley Elementary School

Millcreek, 2340 West Grandview Blvd.

North East, Park United Methodist Church



Early Head Start

In partnership with the **YMCA**, GECAC provides Early Head Start. This family-centered, **full-day, full-year program** engages parents in their roles as primary caregivers and teachers of their infants and toddlers; and helps parents move toward self-sufficiency.

Who Can Participate?

- Children ages **0-35 months**
- Families living in **Erie County**, PA
- Families meeting the **Income Guidelines**. For example:

A family of 4 may earn up to:
\$31,980

(Guidelines can be found at www.gecac.org)

Locations/Apply

Families may apply by calling:

Eastside Family Y, 2101 Nagle Road,
Erie (814) 899-9622

Early Learning Center, 3507 Poplar Street,
Erie (814) 464-2980

Downtown Y, 31 West 10th Street,
Erie (814)452-3261

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School Readiness Programs





Head Start & Pre-K Counts

Head Start & Pre-K Counts are **high quality pre-kindergarten programs** provided free to enrolled families through a variety of Federal and State grants.

2 Easy Ways to Apply



Apply over the phone:

814-459-4581

x 548 for Head Start

x 590 for Pre-K Counts



Download application:

www.gecac.org

Who Can Participate?

- ☑ Children ages **3-5 years**
- ☑ Families living in **Erie County, PA**
- ☑ Families meeting the **Income Guidelines**. For example:
A family of 4 may earn up to:
Head Start—\$31,980
Pre-K Counts—\$73,800
(Guidelines can be found at www.gecac.org)
- ☑ Children receiving **public assistance or social security** (SSI) also qualify as do children in **foster care**.

Kindergarten Ready

Teachers with degrees in early childhood education.

A learning environment that promotes **school readiness**.

A **research-based curriculum** to help your child grow academically and socially.

Support for you and your child in adjusting to preschool and **preparing for kindergarten**.

Referrals and support services for enrolled **children with special needs**.

Transportation and **nutritious meals**.

Program Options

Head Start: *(applications accepted year round)*

- School year runs
August – Mid June
- Five days per week
Monday-Friday
- Four to seven hours per day

Pre-K Counts: *(applications accepted year round)*

- School year runs
August – Mid June
- Five days per week
Monday-Friday
- Five hours and 15 minutes per day
* *Springfield Elementary 7 hours*

